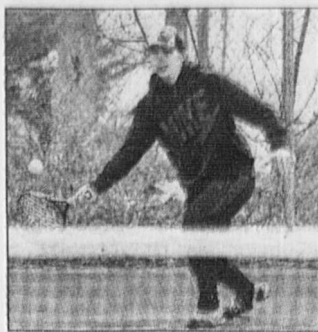




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SCHOOLS

Supt. Cataldo to leave June 30

By Amanda C. Thompson
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After keeping it to herself for months, Superintendent Barbara Cataldo finally got to tell the secret she's been bottling up: she's resigning.

"It's sad for me," said Cataldo, "but it's the right time for me."

It was not a conflict or failure that drove her to resign, but the promise of retirement and of spending more time with her family, especially her aging parents, who just moved in to the superintendent's Needham home.

Cataldo's resume encapsulates 33 years in

education, first as a teacher and then as an administrator. She came to Cohasset in 2011 and will end her time with the district on June 30th, 2016.

Cataldo made her announcement Wednesday night in front of the school committee and an audience of two, who were whispering amongst themselves at the time.

"I don't think they even heard me," said Cataldo – but in her book, that's okay. Cataldo has never loved the spotlight. When asked about her greatest accomplishments in the district, she was quick to say, "It's a team – we've all done them together."

Cataldo's resume encapsulates 33 years in education, first as a teacher and then as an administrator.

Still, if you insist, she'll happily tell you how the arts have grown since she arrived, and how the schools now offer more core classes and more resources for special ed. She'll talk about the fabulous teachers and principals she's helped to bring on board.

She'll even note that the Department of Elementary

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Cohasset Supt. of Schools Barbara Cataldo has announced plans to resign effective June 30. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY ROBIN CHAN

'SECOND CONGO'

Rev. Gary Ritts to retire

ASP program is his and Judy's biggest legacy

By Amanda C. Thompson
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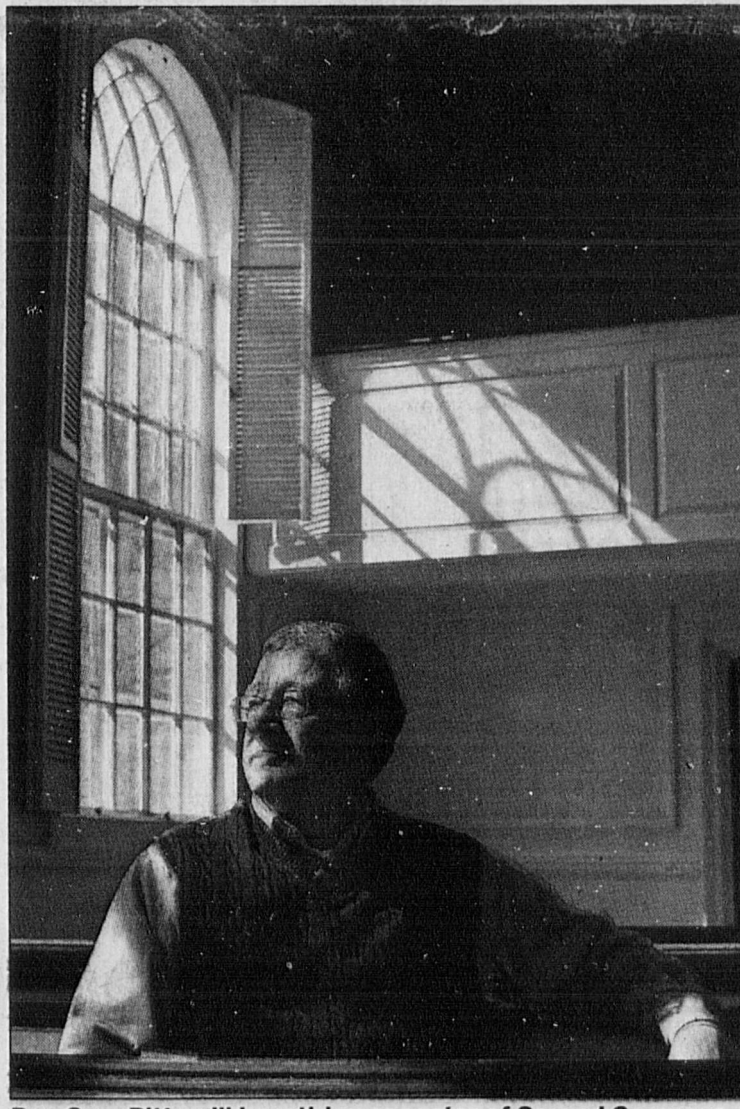
The time has come for this man of the cloth to bolt. After 29 years shepherding the people of Second Congregational Church, Reverend Gary Ritts will retire in June.

As with any goodbye, this one will be bittersweet, but Ritts is trying to keep things light. His last service will be on June 19th: Father's Day, during the Arts Festival on the Common – and so he joked, "They're throwing a huge party for me!"

Ritts's real goodbye party, however, will be held on June 12th, the day of his final sermon; the Father's Day service will focus instead on favorite hymns and songs of Ritts and his wife Judy, and will be followed by the annual Strawberry Festival. The couple wants to leave on a good note – literally.

"Hopefully this will take away from the angst," said Ritts. "For at least half the folks there, I'm the only minister they know. But I'm just an individual. I hope they'll open their minds and hearts to a new person with new ideas and a new style."

The Rittses came to town in 1987. The Reverend had previously served as youth director at a Connecticut church and was hired by Second



Rev. Gary Ritts will be retiring as pastor of Second Congregational Church on Father's Day this summer. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN

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UPDATE

Dredging project has another wave

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has proposed emergency maintenance dredging for the Cohasset Harbor Channel. Without it, the commercial fishing fleet will be unable to get in and out of the harbor at low tide, crippling these local businesses for yet

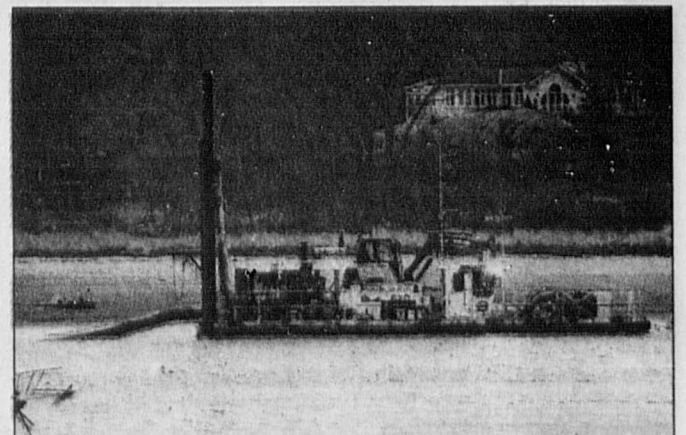
another season.

The channel was, of course, supposed to be cleared as part of the 2015-16 dredging project that began last October. But whether it was the project's late start, problems with equipment, teams, and weather, or disputes between the various parties involved in the project, it didn't get done in time.

"The contractor couldn't complete the work before the environmental window closed," explained Ed O'Donnell of the Army Corps, "so we needed to stop the work and he needs to come back in the fall to finish the remaining work."

But as any local boater

SEE DREDGING, A13



A dredging barge at work in the harbor in January. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY CHRIS BERNSTEIN

SENATE

Four down to two

Tuesday's primary to narrow field

By Alice Coyle
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Voters in the eight-town Plymouth and Norfolk district will take the first step Tuesday toward filling the senate seat left vacant since Robert Hedlund was sworn in as Weymouth's mayor four months ago.

The special senate primary election April 12 will narrow a field of four candidates to two. On the Democratic ballot, Hingham Selectman Paul Gannon is facing off against former Hull Selectman Joan Meschino. On the Republican side voters will choose between Weymouth Town Council president Patrick O'Connor and Marshfield attorney Stephen Gill.

Gill was a latecomer joining the field of candidates, but said he'd been mulling a run since last summer for the senate seat Hedlund held for 22 years. A lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserve JAG corps, Gill has not held fundraisers or accepted any campaign donations heading into the primary. He said he's thoroughly enjoyed running

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Dave Dugan

Name: Dave Dugan.

Occupation: Director @ Facebook.

Best day of your life: Tie: birth of our daughter Meg (12) and son Paul (9).

Best vacation: Family trip to Mexico – snorkeling and cave exploring.

Favorite season: Fall in Cohasset.

Favorite holiday: 4th of July.

Favorite snack: Pistachios.

Best book: "Mayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Best movie: Anchor-man: The Legend of Ron Burgundy

Best TV show: Silicon Valley.

Best music, group, or artist: Weezer.

Pet peeve: Littering and sloppy recycling.

What helped you get ready for the Road Race by the Sea: Special training regimen from Joe at Sport Specific Fitness on 3A.

Goal: Top secret.

Person you'd most like to meet: My grandfather Thomas Dugan – emigrated from Kilkenny Ireland, 1910.

Biggest worry: We move too slowly on climate change and leave our children's generation in a bad spot.

Best part of Cohasset: Our excellent schools and dedicated teachers.



This week the Mariner caught up with Dave Dugan who ran the 40th annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea on Sunday. Dave was the first Cohasset runner to cross the finish line with a time of 38:12 and fifth overall.

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COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Self-hypnosis workshops planned

New location: Cohasset Elder Affairs is now located at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held in that location unless otherwise noted. The center offers tours for visitors.

■ **Self-Hypnosis for Pain Management:** 11 a.m. to noon April 15, 22 and 29. Joanne Campbell, registered hypnosis educator, will help those with chronic pain and/or upcoming medical or dental procedures. Learn to diminish discomfort through self-hypnosis. The last class explains how to prepare for doctor's appointments. Cost is \$30 for all three classes.

■ **Dental Hygienist appointments:** 9 a.m. to noon April 20. Dental hygienist Emma Lawson brings her tool and chair to the center. Appointments are required. Private Pay and Mass Health accepted. Cost: \$78.

■ **Lunch and Learn:** noon April 21. In honor of national nutrition month, Elissa Goldman of South Shore Elder services will discuss "savor the flavor" techniques designed to help people eat right. Cost: \$3 lunch donation.

■ **Brown Bag Lunch and Movie:** 11:30 a.m. April 25. This month's feature: "100 Foot Journey" starring Helen Mirren. Bring a lunch. The center will supply the popcorn.

■ **Conversational Italian II:** 2 to 3:30 p.m. April 25-May 23. Lanier Grassie will offer instruction to anyone with a basic

understanding of the language. Cost is \$25 for the 5-week session. Sign-ups required as seats are limited.

■ **Planning for Medicare-Countdown to 65:** 6:30 to 7 p.m. April 26. Peta Shepherd from Blue Cross Blue Shield presents a comprehensive seminar to help people approaching Medicare eligibility understand health insurance options outside of employer-sponsored plans. Free presentation.

■ **AromaTouch Hand Meridian Massage:** 2:15 to 4 p.m. April 27. Amy Di Lillo, certified Terra AromaTouch practitioner, will offer 10-minute hand massages using therapeutic grade essential oils applied to specific zones and meridians on the hands and wrists to stimulate energy. Cost is \$8. Call to schedule an appointment.

■ **Deer Hill School Inter-generational Lunch:** noon April 28. O'Hara's fourth grade class will join residents for conversation and a activity.

Lunch schedule and menu, week of April 12-14

Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3.

■ **Tuesday, April 12:** Prepared by Chef John: chicken rice casserole

■ **Wednesday, April 13:** Prepared by Chefs Laura and Kathy: pork tenderloin

■ **Thursday April 14:** Prepared by 5 South Main Ongoing programs

■ **Cohasset Café:** Mondays, 9-11 a.m. Coffee, conversation and fresh baked treats. Cost: \$3.

■ **French Conversation:** 10 a.m. Mondays. Looking to improve your French? Informal gatherings for those less-than-expert. Drop in.

■ **Veterans services hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.

■ **Gentle Yoga:** Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat. At Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Cost: \$5.

■ **Gentle Chair Yoga:** 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. This class focuses on increasing mobility.

■ **Bridge:** Bring your own foursome. Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.

■ **Yoga/Meditation:** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Eclectic, fusion, beginner-friendly yoga class offering a variety of combinations to help you on your path to mindfulness and calm. Drop-in class. Cost: \$5.

■ **Senior Stretch and Conditioning Class:** Follow the instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. Cost per class is \$5.

■ **Book Club:** Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m.

■ **Zumba Gold:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays. Taught by instructor Christine Ricci, a Zumba Gold workout incorporates dance/fitness routines set to Latin and international rhythms but is performed at a lower intensity than regular Zumba. Great for cardio, range of motion and balance.

■ **Knitting:** Drop in. Learners welcome. Fridays from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$3.

■ **Transportation:** Door-to-door van service to the following: (For out-of-town trips, a voluntary donation of \$5 is requested).

■ **Medical appointments** within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset.

■ **Around Town Route 3A,** Mondays, 1-3 p.m.

■ **Shaws, Tuesdays:** 1 p.m.

■ **Cohasset Train Station, Wednesdays:** 9:04 a.m. train inbound. 3:08 p.m. outbound.

■ **Around Town (downtown Cohasset), Thursdays:** 9:30 a.m.

■ **Stop and Shop, Fridays:** 9:30 a.m.

■ **Walmart/Hanover Mall, NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

■ **Trader Joes/Marshalls, second Friday of the month:** 9:30 a.m.

■ **Derby Street Shops, third Friday of the month:** 9:30 a.m., return 11:30 a.m.

■ **Christmas Tree Shops:** fourth Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

South Shore Tide Chart

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APRIL 2016		HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.		
Thursday	07	11:52	10.7			5:33	-1.6	5:56	-1.4	6:14	7:16
Friday	08	12:14	11.0	12:43	10.8	6:25	-1.9	6:46	-1.5	6:13	7:17
Saturday	09	1:03	11.2	1:36	10.6	7:16	-2.0	7:36	-1.3	6:11	7:18
Sunday	10	1:54	11.2	2:29	10.3	8:08	-1.9	8:27	-0.9	6:09	7:19
Monday	11	2:46	10.9	3:24	9.8	9:01	-1.4	9:20	-0.4	6:08	7:20
Tuesday	12	3:41	10.4	4:22	9.3	9:57	-0.9	10:16	0.2	6:06	7:21
Wednesday	13	4:38	9.9	5:22	8.8	10:55	-0.3	11:16	0.7	6:04	7:22
Thursday	14	5:40	9.4	6:26	8.5	11:57	0.2			6:03	7:24

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SCITUATE POLICE BEAT

By Mary Ford
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Overdose

On Thursday (March 31) a 26-year-old Scituate man under the influence of drugs was driven to the police station by his friend. The man had taken heroin and another drug and was extremely agitated and aggressive, police said. He had to be handcuffed and was taken by ambulance to the hospital under police guard. The two men had been at a residence on Border Street in Scituate and Cohasset was the closest police station.

IRS scam

Police have been receiving reports from residents who are being threatened via phone and in some cases emails with arrest if they don't pay up back taxes. The scammers call and claim to be from the IRS. In one instance, a resident was receiving threatening texts on his cell phone. Police remind residents that this is a scam; the IRS does not contact taxpayers by phone but by US mail.

MV stop/tow

An officer stopped an 2004 Nissan sedan around 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday (March 30) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) at Schofield Road after the car failed to stop at the red light at Beechwood Street. Further investigation revealed the 32-year-old Norton woman who was driving did not have a driver's license only a Brazilian passport. She is being summonsed to court to face the charges of unlicensed operation and running a red light. Her car was towed.

MVC

Police responded to a two-car accident that occurred on King Street

(Route 3A) by Sunrise at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday (March 29). A 2011 Chevrolet Suburban, operated by a 46-year-old Cohasset woman, was headed north and slowed in traffic as she approached lower King Street when rear-ended by a 2011 Toyota, operated by a 40-year-old Cohasset woman.

The Toyota sustained front-end damage and had to be towed. There were no reported injuries and the driver of the Toyota was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

MV stop/tow

An officer on patrol on Route 3A by Stop & Shop at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday (March 30) observed that the 2002 Chevrolet Blazer that passed his location had expired plates. He stopped the SUV near Sanctuary Pond Road where investigation revealed the 44-year-old Holbrook man driving was unable to renew the registration online. He was issued a \$105 citation for operating an unregistered vehicle and the vehicle was towed.

Nails hit house

A 75-year-old resident of the Hillside neighborhood became concerned last week when he found a large carpenter's nail sticking into his house and several other nails on the ground. Police spoke with a neighbor and investigation showed her 15-year-old son had built a "potato gun" as a project and was practicing shooting the nails. Potato guns made with PVC pipe can launch spuds upwards of 30 yards. The device was dismantled, police said.

MV stop/tow

An officer on patrol near Stop & Shop observed that the 2005 Nissan Murano that passed his location at 12:43 p.m. on Wednesday (March 30) had expired

plates. He pulled the car over near Sanctuary Pond Road and the 38-year-old Marshfield woman driving was only able to produce a Brazilian passport but no driver's license. She is being summonsed to court to face the charges of unlicensed operation and driving an unregistered motor vehicle. Her car was towed.

Skunk odor

A family on Jerusalem Road evacuated their home at 2:09 a.m. on Thursday (March 31) due to the smell of gas. Police determined the smell was actually from a skunk under the house.

MV stop/tow

An officer observing traffic on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Schofield Road stopped a 2012 Toyota Scion at 11 a.m. on Friday (April 1) for expired plates. The 26-year-old driver was unable to renew online and was issued a \$105 citation. The car was towed.

MV stop

An officer on traffic patrol at Beechwood Street by Doane Street observed a Honda CRV roll through the stop sign on Friday (April 1) around 6 p.m. A check of the license of the 60-year-old Cohasset woman driving showed her license had expired. She is being summonsed to court on the charge of unlicensed operation and for a stop sign violation. A friend was able to take possession of the car so it was not towed.

Hit and run

A 51-year-old Hingham woman called police on Saturday (April 2) around 2:50 p.m. when she discovered her 2007 Toyota sedan parked on Depot Court by Dooley's Pub had damaged to the rear driver's side.

WICKED WEATHER

Storm was snow joking matter

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Everyone's mad at the groundhog who predicted an early spring, but don't worry. Spring is here. It just got interrupted this week.

A pair of back-to-back snowstorms on Sunday and Monday left Cohasset looking like a Christmas card, albeit about four months too late. Heavy wet snow and strong winds left 310 residents once again without electricity on Sunday.

Power went out around nine in the morning but was restored to most by 2 p.m. Some, however, were still without electricity by 7 p.m. and later.

A spokesperson for National Grid said, "All customers in Cohasset and Scituate were back on by midnight. The outages were caused by high winds and trees falling on power lines. In addition to the outages, we spent the first part of the day addressing live wires down on the streets. Ensuring public safety was our first priority, then restoring power."

Police Chief Bill Quigley said that National Grid addressed about half a dozen priority-level calls about downed wires during the storm - this despite all the windy storms that had already ripped through town and, theoretically, culled the weakest branches earlier in the season.

Fortunately, only the tree branches suffered any injury in this storm. While a few cars went sliding off the road, Quigley said there were no serious accidents - although one of his officers has been out with a bad case of poison oak after removing a tree branch

from a roadway.

Perhaps the greatest casualty of the incident was the Fran Coffey Memorial Walk, scheduled to take place on Sunday during the same time as the Road Race by the Sea. With frigid winds buffeting athletes along Jerusalem and the looming threat of falling tree branches, the Rotary Club and police deemed conditions too unsafe for walkers.

However, the 10k race was able to take place as scheduled. The runners aren't out there as long and they're moving at a faster pace, explained Linda Fechter, race director. Police drove the course a few times beforehand to ensure that conditions would be safe.

Safety, however, wasn't the only challenge. The "Start" banner had to be removed after the initial photos had been taken because the scaffolding could have blown over onto runners. "No parking" signs were knocked flat or completely blown away.

Power outages prevented Atlantic Bagel from providing the promised bagels, and Willcutt Commons briefly lost power while hot dogs were being cooked there. The water tables usually positioned along the race course couldn't be unfolded because they would have blown away, so volunteers simply laid them flat on the ground.

"These are hardy people," said Fechter. "The only thing we want from an event is for people to be safe and have fun. The people who did run really wanted to be there. They had the wind in their face the whole way, but they all smiled as they came across the finish line. Nobody complained."

With these last two storms, the town has exceeded its budget for snow and ice removal.

"I've been doing this 30 years and I don't remember it ever snowing," said Quigley. "But I'd rather deal with the cold than the extreme heat."

He remembered a year when temperatures in the 90s had sent many athletes to the hospital. "We had every ambulance on the South Shore," he said. "We were driving people to the E.R. in police cars."

Fechter reported that 764 athletes completed the race, while others simply picked up their shirts and went home. Still, with 1,250 runners on the books, she said the fundraiser was a success.

With these last two storms, the town has exceeded its budget for snow and ice removal. Town Manager Chris Senior explained that, even though snow didn't have to be scooped up and carted away like it did last year, the roads and sidewalks still had to be clear, which calls for a fair amount of salt and sand.

"But it was definitely better than last winter," Senior said, adding that the day of the Road Race had been the most dramatic example he'd seen of a favorite New England saying: "If you don't like the weather, wait two hours and it'll be different."

Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

SENATE RACE

Absentee ballots for state primary

Absentee ballots for the special state primary scheduled for April 12 are now available at the Town Clerk's office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Only those voters who will be absent from Cohasset during polling hours, or who may have a physical disability, or whose religious beliefs prevent them from coming to the polls, may

vote absentee.

To obtain an absentee ballot, residents must fill out an application with a valid signature for each voter, along with the address as to where the ballot should be mailed. Residents can obtain an absentee ballot application online at mass.gov or at the Town Clerk's office. The Town Clerk's office is open from 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays; and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays.

All absentee ballots must be applied for before noon April 11. On this day, the Town Clerk's office will close to the public at noon to prepare for the election. For more information, call 781 383-4100, ext. 106.

BRIEFLY

Alternative polling place

In case of emergency, the Board of Selectmen has established an alternate

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OSGOOD BOOK FAIR

Feeling Groovy

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Osgood School hosted a Feeling Groovy Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday (April 5).

This year's theme was a celebration of reading with hundreds of books for kids to discover. Families, faculty and the community were invited to attend this reading event. To get in the groovy spirit, Osgood also held a '70s dress-up day for all students, teachers and faculty. Everyone, including the more than 30 volunteers, staff and attendees, were encouraged to dress up in '70s gear.

Additionally, to raise money for the school library, the Spring Book Fair raffled gift card prizes donated by Olympus Grille, The Daily Press Juice Bar and Averie Nail Spa. All three businesses are located on 132 Chief Justice Cushing Highway.



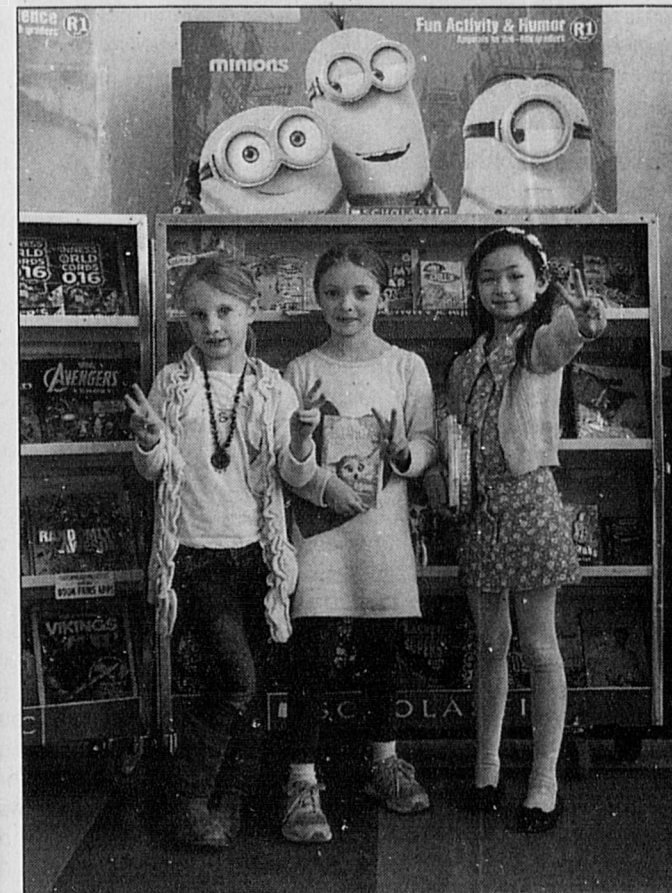
Alling Lubitz, 7, is very '70's as she checks out her book selection.



Mae Geddes, 6, in her '70's cowgirl hat, seeking approval for her book selection.



Book fair co-chairs L-R, Jenn Bunge, Melissa McDonough, and An LeFevre are totally hip for the Osgood book fair.



Hip on reading, L-R, Summer McDonough, Schuyler Bunge, and Madeleine LeFevre, scouting out their favorite books.



Groovy book fair co-chair An Lefevre busily hands out stickers to student participants of the Osgood book fair.



2nd grader Lukas Stefan browses the military books at the fair.



Book fair co-chair Jenn Bunge is very 'Mod' as she helps her daughter Phoebe, 4, with her book selections.



Luke Lefevre and Christian Bunge enjoy reading their new books on the staircase above the book fair.

RITTS

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Congo largely in hopes that he could bring the same kind of youth focus and vitality to Cohasset.

The couple brought with them a program that today could be considered the church's greatest legacy: the Appalachia Service Project. In the past three decades, what Cohasset High School student has not been touched by ASP? Even those who did not go on the trip themselves heard of it through friends and peers, and perhaps even helped out with fundraising.

"ASP has been my proudest achievement," said Ritts. "It's been tremendous — the most impactful thing I've done."

ASP is not an exclusively Cohasset program. It's a greater Christian ministry which fosters human development by addressing the housing needs of Central Appalachia, according to the Cohasset ASP website. About 15,000 volunteers repair homes for 400-500 low-income families in rural areas of Central Appalachia each year.

While the couple's efforts to create a weekly youth gathering never really took root in the community, ASP struck a chord. Youth programming became seasonal instead of weekly, and eventually even pulled in teens from the other churches in town, improving relations among them — especially the Catholic Church, which initially did not like sending teens on a trip that required them to skip Mass.

Second Congo will continue sending students to ASP after the Rittses depart. A board of directors has been established to keep the program going.

Ritts' work on ASP earned him the honor of being named Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year in 1997, on his 10th anniversary with the church. Looking back, Ritts wishes he could've split the honor equally with his wife, who was just as involved in the program as he was.

On top of that, Judy Ritts was a special education teacher

"For at least half the folks there, I'm the only minister they know. But I'm just an individual. I hope they'll open their minds and hearts to a new person with new ideas and a new style."

The Rev. Gary Ritts

for sixth graders in the Cohasset schools for 25 years before her retirement last summer, and continues to tutor students in her retirement.

"She's busier than ever," said Gary. "She often wonders how she had time to work full-time." He said teaching has been a lifelong passion of his wife's, which explains why the two of them made such a good team at Second Congo.

In addition to launching ASP in Cohasset, the Rittses got teens involved with a confirmation program for freshmen and sophomores and a junior deacons program for older students. Junior deacons helped around the church with things like ushering and reading scripture at services, manning the nursery, or collecting books for charity.

Youth programming isn't the only thing that's grown since Rev. Ritts took the reins. The church building itself has grown, too. The L-shaped addition went onto the back of the building in 1990, adding office and nursery space for the roughly 100 members that attend each Sunday.

With 418 current members, the size of the church has held steady over the years. That's an accomplishment of its own in today's climate, in which parishioners seem less eager to read the book of Exodus and more eager to enact one of their own from the pews.

Going forward, the church has already begun its search for a new minister. An interim



Rev. Gary Ritts' portrait will join the other ministers of Second Congregational Church inside the church library when he retires on Father's Day. Ritts has been at Second Congregational since Feb. 1, 1987. WICKED

LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

pastor will take the pulpit this summer and will likely be around for a year or two during the pastoral search process. A search committee of nine will consider candidates during that time and will eventually present its top choice to the congregation, which can vote to accept or reject the committee's recommendation.

As for the Rittses, they'll be visiting some of the ASP sites over the summer and settling into a winter rental after that. But they'll definitely be back one day. With a daughter and son-in-law in Hull and three decades of South Shore living, they think of Boston as "home."

The Reverend explained that it's important for him to separate from the congregation while they learn to trust and depend on a new pastor. In fact, it's professional protocol for him not to have any sort of clergy relationship with the people of the church. He's not even supposed to attend there.

For Gary and Judy, that's one of the hardest parts about all of this. But the Reverend looks at it with the measured wisdom befitting a man of his position.

"They'll want to say, 'Gary did it this way,'" he said. "I hope they'll remember it well, and then I hope they'll branch out and explore the new world."

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CATALDO

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and Secondary Education has recognized Cohasset as a level one district every year since she arrived.

She'll remind you how, when she arrived just five years ago in 2011, the schools didn't even have wireless internet. Now, they're rolling out technology into students' hands in the classroom and touting a brand-new website — initiatives Cataldo championed.

She'll tell you none of that was her doing. She had the support of the Parent School Organization, the Cohasset Education Foundation, the teachers, the parents, even the students...

But no matter how good the crew, someone's got to captain the ship, and Cataldo certainly captained.

As she steers her own ship toward retirement, Cataldo is also closing in on a doctorate degree. Her dissertation focuses on communication and family relationships for students with autism, a cause that has always been near and dear to her

heart.

That's because, growing up, Cataldo had her own share of learning differences. Though she never experienced the specific struggles of a child with autism, she was dyslexic at a time when such a thing could go undiagnosed until adulthood. She grew up unable to read at all.

"That comes full circle," Cataldo said. At her previous district, she used iPads to help pre-school children with autism communicate with each other, and she would love to continue doing that sort of work in the future.

Or maybe some writing, or maybe some teaching, or maybe some consulting... In short, she has options, and it doesn't sound like she'll take her retirement sitting down.

"But first of all," said Cataldo, "I have to give time to my family."

The April 6th school committee meeting will be broadcast on local cable on Friday, April 8th, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 9th at 2 p.m.

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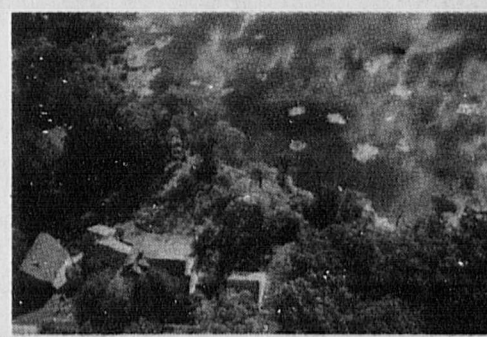
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Abigail Moy in Winners Concert

Perspective

Hey there Cohasset and happy April 2016! I know we started off a bit snowy with cold temperatures but, that's ok, we've got this! We are from New England after all and I know the 50s are coming our way soon.

I went to work on Monday in Norwell and yes, the driving was pretty rough, a limb came down a couple of cars in front of me and the ice from the trees and wires were falling making it tough just getting there so I had a few choice words to say. Everyone, it seemed, who came in had something to say about the weather.

Then, the cleaners came in. They are so sweet and usually come in with a smile but this day was different. I asked if they were OK and with tears in their eyes they said no. "Jen, our bosses, they died in their car when a tree fell on them." Then silence, just a hug and no words...

Top musician

South Shore Conservatory congratulates flute student **Abigail Moy** of Cohasset for placing first in her age division of the conservatory's recent Woodwind & Brass Competition at the conservatory's Hingham campus location.

A student of flute instructor Asako Yoshida, Abigail received an SSC scholarship and will perform in the Competition Winners Concert on May 25, along with winners from SSC's concerto, voice, piano and string competitions. The concert, which is free and open to the public, takes place at SSC's Hingham campus at One Conservatory Drive.



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

South Carolina

Congratulations are going out to **Owen Kefallinos** who was named to the President's Honor List for Fall 2015 at the University of South Carolina. This award is reserved for those undergraduate students who earned a GPA of a 4.0. Owen whose parents are Lisa and Chris Kefallinos is a graduate of Cohasset Middle High School. Awesome job Owen, everyone is very proud.

Red Carpet

Amazing to be mentioning this but the Cohasset High School Senior Prom Red Carpet on Cohasset Common will be here on May 26th before we know it! The reason why it is being mentioned so early and will be from now through then is that "It Takes a Village" to help support this event for our well-deserving Seniors! If you would like to donate to the Post Prom: CHS Senior Boosters, P.O. Box 30, Cohasset, MA 02025 Thank you for any help you can give!

Farmers Market

Cohasset Farmers Market vendor deadline approaching! If you would like to be a vendor at the market the 2016 season please visit the market website at www.Cohassetfarmersmarket.com, and check out the "be a vendor" section which has the application information and

guidelines. Deadline for applications is April 15.

St. Sebastian's

Cohasset student **James D. Dietrich**, grade 11, was named with honors with distinction to the St. Sebastian's School in Needham's honor roll for the third quarter of the 2015-16 academic school year. Great work, James!

Promfret

Michael Slanetz of Cohasset, a member of the Pomfret School class of 2018, has earned honor roll distinction at Pomfret School for the 2015-2016 winter term. A student earns honors with a grade point average of 3.330 or higher and no grade below a B-. Keep up the good work, Michael!

Holly Hill

Spring Farm to Food Pantry Program is happening at Holly Hill Farm. This community service program for teenagers aged 13-18, founded in 2012, was established to grow organic vegetables to donate to local food pantries during the growing season. Spring program has begun but new participants are welcome. Program runs every Friday and Saturday from 10 am-noon until mid June when additional summer hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am-noon. Contact Education Director, Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

—That's it Cohasset. Send in your news for next week by Tuesday at 5 pm. Have a great week. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

CONSERVATORY NOTES

Reaching everyone through yoga

By Gita Brown

My heart rattled in my ribcage as I watched my nine-year-old student, Macy, take center stage. Macy and I had practiced diligently for years for this moment. Her long blond hair framed her blue eyes as she took time to compose herself. She was calm and serene. Taking my cue from her, I took a deep breath to calm my nerves. I watched with pride as she executed a flawless performance.

No one watching cared that Macy has Down syndrome, a developmental disability. The audience was too awed by her embodiment of the practice of yoga; the uniting of body, breath and mind in a single precious moment.

The performance was unique, a demonstration of a full yoga class to a packed house. The audience members were attendees of a Yoga for the Special Child Basic Certification Program, held through the Creative Arts Therapies department at South Shore Conservatory.

For one week we gathered to learn this unique method, which was founded by Sonia Sumar in 1974 during her work with her daughter, Roberta, a child with Down syndrome. Sonia's method has grown into an internationally-renowned practice, serving individuals from birth through adulthood. During the week-long program we learned how to adapt the components of yoga to babies and children with autism, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, Down syndrome, learning disabilities and other challenges.

One of the unique attributes of this training is that no yoga experience is required to attend. Nurses, parents of children with special needs, occupational therapists, speech therapists, yoga teachers or anyone interested in this program is welcome to attend.



South Shore Conservatory's Yoga Department chairman Gita Brown instructs a young student in Yoga for the Special Child session. COURTESY PHOTO

Macy's demonstration began with a musical chant. Macy and the guest teacher, Kathy, exchanged musical phrases and clapping rhythms. Macy's attention was harnessed by the music, her face beaming. After the chants Kathy and Macy demonstrated breathing practices, designed to clear nasal passages, improve breath capacity, and provide emotional regulation.

Next came eye movements, which can improve concentration and help weak eye muscles. Yoga poses followed, moving the body in all directions; forward, backwards, sideways and twisting. Patiently working, they showed how linking movements with steady breathing can facilitate strength, balance, flexibility and body awareness.

After a period of rest, Macy sat up to recite the closing offering, which she spent months learning. With hands together at her heart she said, "I am peace. I am joy. I am love. I am light. I

have a beautiful light that was placed inside of my heart when I was born. And because of this light, I am not afraid of anything or anyone! May the light overcome all of the darkness!"

I looked round at our audience, and saw tears sparkling in many eyes, no one could help but smile at the power of our child, engaged diligently in her yoga practice, to bring peace to a room full of people.

Our next yoga for the Special Child Basic Certification Program runs this August 6-12 at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Macy has been practicing yoga diligently, and promises to come back and be a demonstration student again. I can't wait to watch her shine.

Whether you are new to yoga or an experienced practitioner, we love to have you join us for this program which shares innovative teaching methods that have been changing the lives of children around the world for more than 40 years.

For more information about the Yoga for the Special Child® Basic Certification Program, visit ssmusic.org or contact Gita Brown at g.brown@ssmusic.org.

—Gita Brown, Yoga Chair in the Creative Arts Therapies department at South Shore Conservatory, is a licensed Yoga for the Special Child® instructor. She has been with SSC since 2009.

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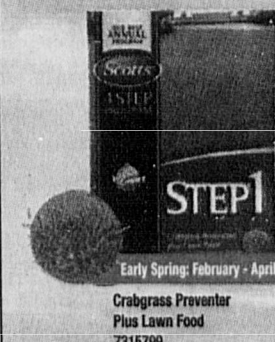
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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1 LECTURE: Cohasset Historical Society's Wednesday Evening Lecture Series on April 13th. Jin Kim, conductor of the Atlantic Symphony will speak on the history and mission of the Symphony. An enthusiastic speaker and accomplished musician, Kim will introduce us to, or enhance our knowledge of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. Program starts 7:30 p.m. in the Pratt Building at 106 South Main St., with light refreshments offered at 7 p.m. Open to the community.

2 EXHIBIT: South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, presents a national juried exhibition "Con|TEXT" in the Bancroft Gallery. An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 8. Steven Zevitas, owner of the Steven Zevitas Gallery in Boston, selected the work and the prize winners for the exhibition. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

3 TRUMPET CONCERT: The Unicorn Singers and director Margo Euler are celebrating spring with Awake the Trumpet featuring trumpet soloist Greg Gettel, accompanied on organ by Lenae Badger. Time and place: Sunday, April 10 at 4 pm at the Lutheran House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham. Tickets are \$20 and available on-line at bcc-us.org or at the door. For further information call 781-749-0162.

4 KNOCK OUT CANCER: Knock Out Cancer Fundraiser is



Jin Kim, conductor of the Atlantic Symphony will speak on the history and mission of the Symphony on Wednesday at the historical society. COURTESY PHOTO

from 5 to 8 p.m. April 9 at the South Shore Sports Center, 55 Recreation Park Dr., Hingham. Over 150 girls, boys, women and men participate in basketball competitions and bid on silent auction prizes, with a goal of exceeding \$100,000 this year. Walk-in registration or preregister online: www.hinghambasketball.com.

5 SAVE THE DATE: In celebration of National Poetry Month, professor of creative writing at Lesley University, poet, essayist, author, and translator Danielle Legros George will read from her collection of poetry at the library at 4 p.m. April 24. A wine and cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. Admission is free. Seating is limited. For more information, call the library at 383-1348.

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Viola will tug at your heart strings

By Tammy Hatch

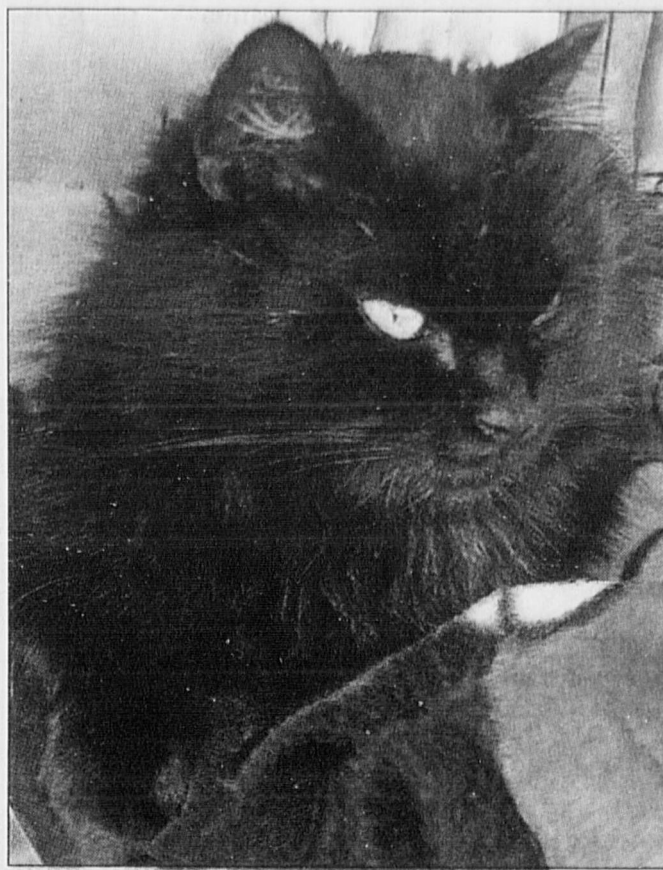
Meet Viola, a 4-year-old long black haired female with gorgeous green eyes and soft tufts of fur at her ears much like that of a Maine Coon. Viola has endured a lot since her surrender in early January.

After a little over a month's stay at the shelter Viola was adopted by owners who were very excited to add her as a welcome addition to their family. They already had an adult cat and hoped she and Viola would not only become friends, but enjoy the added benefit of each other's company during the daytime while they were away at work.

Unfortunately, Viola didn't make the adjustment to her new home very well. She was not at all keen on living with another feline. It's not easy to adapt to shelter life or to a new home and Viola had both in a short period of time.

Viola is currently in a foster home where she is receiving some much needed one-on-one TLC. Spayed and up-to-date on her vaccinations, special arrangements can be made to meet Viola while she is in foster care.

You can learn more about Viola as well as the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30 to 7:30, and Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be



Viola is a true beauty, inside and out. COURTESY PHOTO

made by calling our adoption coordinator, Judy, at 781-534-4902.

People often mistakenly believe that surrendered cats are at the shelter because they have behavioral problems. This is simply not true. Many cats at the shelter have impeccable behavior and habits. More often than not the problem was with the owner. A surrendered cat is a cat whose owner could no longer care for them.

The reasons are many: "We are moving and cannot take her with us - I have health problems and can no longer care for him - I do not have time for her because of major changes in my life (new partner, new baby, new

Many cats at the shelter have impeccable behavior and habits. More often than not the problem was with the owner. A surrendered cat is a cat whose owner could no longer care for them.

(size, temperament, gender, age, energy level)? Is your partner, roommate, family or landlord in agreement with your getting a new kitten/cat? Cats in shelters undergo considerable stress. They miss their old home, and in many cases, their loving owner who had to give them up. Like Viola, they may have been moved from their home, to the shelter and to a new home all in a very short time. Think of how moving would be stressful for you and how hard it would be to lose so many familiar things. Cats experience the same thing. They need extra patience, assurance and following adoption they will need your presence more than the other people or animals already living in your home.

If you are thinking about adoption, talk to your friends and other pet-owners about what it really means to have a pet. Talk to veterinarians about a cat's expected medical cost. Have a back-up plan for pet care in the event you are unable to care for your cat. Life happens and when it does, your cat should not have to suffer the consequences of being surrendered.

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■ Tuesday, April 12, special state primary (state senator)
■ Monday, May 2,

Cohasset Town Meeting

■ Tuesday, May 10, state election (state senator)
■ Saturday, May 14, Cohasset Town Election
■ Thursday, Sept. 8, state primary
■ Tuesday, Nov. 8, state election (presidential)

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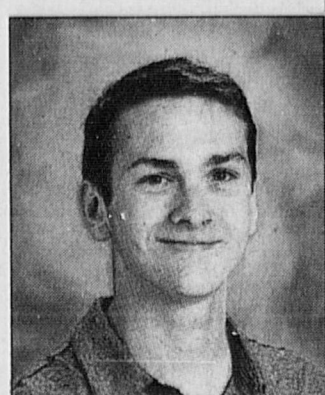
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BC HIGH

Krumsiek in Youth in Government Conference

Charles Krumsiek of Cohasset, a senior at Boston College High School, was one of the 24 BC High students who participated in the annual YMCA Youth in Government Conference from March 10 to 12 at the Massachusetts State House on Beacon Hill. The team was honored to meet Karyn Polito, Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor.

The Youth in Government Club, moderated by faculty members Elise Wilson and Michael Chapman, is part of a Greater Boston YMCA program which allows high school students to learn about state government and participate in the process of the State House with other students from throughout Massachusetts. Students take on various roles in the state government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches as well as lobbyists and the press corps.



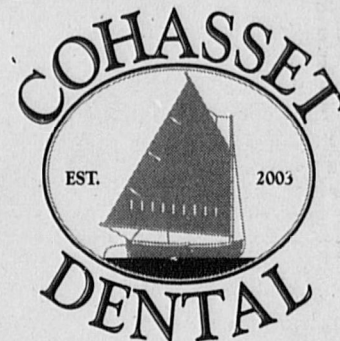
Charles Krumsiek is a senior at Boston College High School. COURTESY PHOTO

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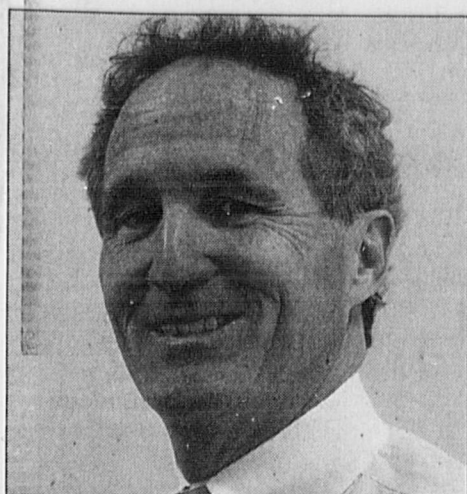
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CANDIDATE PROFILES

Paul Gannon, Democrat



Name: Paul J. Gannon.
Age: 55.
Occupation: Attorney.
Family: Married to Susan (Carey) and have two daughters, Jacqueline and Caroline.
Education: Don Bosco Technical High School, Providence College, BA, and Catholic University Law School, JD.
Hometown: Hingham - I have lived here for 8-½ years.
Civic involvement: Organizer of National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 5K Road Race, Co-Chairman and Founder of Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, supporter of South Shore SNAP program, youth hockey, basketball, soccer and softball coach.

What experience – in your career or life – has best prepared you to serve as a State Senator?

It's my combined experiences that have provided me with the right balance of government, business, and life experiences to serve as State Senator. Being a homeowner, husband and father, former prosecutor, business owner, and elected official help me better understand the challenges we all face raising our families today: paying property and business taxes, expensive college tuitions, rising health insurance costs, and providing quality schools for our children. This knowledge will be invaluable when deliberating on legislation that affects our household budgets, schools, transportation needs, and business development.

Who has been the greatest inspiration and influence on your life?

My parents, Paul and Norine Gannon. Their devotion to family, faith and community taught me valuable life lessons.

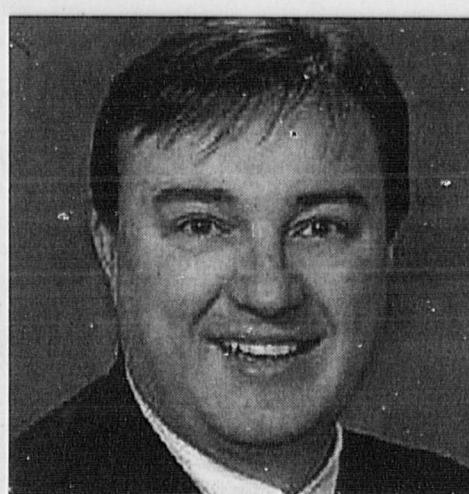
What would people be surprised to know about you?

"The fact that at 55 years old I can (and do) still play ice hockey twice a week."

Why should people vote for you on April 12?

Because they know I understand their concerns. They are the same concerns I face every day as a homeowner, husband and father, business owner, and elected official. These life experiences, combined with my public service as a former prosecutor, state legislator in South Boston, former member of the Hingham School Committee, and current Hingham Selectman make me the most qualified candidate. I also have a proven track record of bringing people together and working hard to solve problems. Whether fighting for working men and women, seniors and veterans as a member of the Legislature, or forming the Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to fight the opioid epidemic, getting involved in youth sports and civic and charitable organizations, or helping friends, family and neighbors in their time of need, no one will work harder at ensuring every town in the district gets the representation and commitment they deserve.

Stephen Gill, Republican



Name: Stephen Gill.
Age: 47.
Occupation: Attorney / Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps.
Family: Two daughters in Marshfield public schools.
Education: Hull High School 1986, UMASS Amherst, B.A. 1990, Loyola Univ. Law School, J.D. 1995.
Hometown: I am a life-long resident the South Shore. My family is from Hingham and I grew up in Hull. I am a former Weymouth resident/homeowner from 1999-2003. I have been a Marshfield resident/homeowner since 2010.
Civic involvement: I volunteer to perform military funeral honors details for our deceased veterans across the South Shore and throughout Massachusetts. I have prosecuted terrorists on foreign shores so folks here at home can enjoy their everyday civic activities.

What experience – in your career or life – has best prepared you to serve as a State Senator?

As a veteran, it's already pre-programmed and built into me to treat people with honor and dignity, to reach across the aisle and work with others to achieve a common goal, and to get the job done right. As an attorney, I am professionally trained in law crafting. As a former Deputy Secretary/General Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services under Gov. Patrick, I understand the ins and outs of Beacon Hill.

Who has been the greatest inspiration and influence on your life?

I owe everything I am to my late parents – my father, Paul J. Gill, a WWII Navy veteran, and my mother, Emily M. Gill, who raised nine great children.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I am an excellent electric guitar player and love to crank out Led Zeppelin tunes. I am fully ready to replace Bob Hedlund as our "Rock n' Roll Senator."

Why should people vote for you on April 12?

Bob Hedlund recently said that folks on the South Shore should vote for a Senator who will be an independent voice for the district, and will not abandon us by towing party lines on Beacon Hill. That's me. I have accepted no endorsements and no money from anyone: I am beholden to no one and I will advocate for the district as a whole.

Joan Meschino, Democrat



Name: Joan Meschino.
Age: 50.
Occupation: Non-profit executive, attorney.
Family: Married to husband, John; Oldest of four children.
Education: Hull High School, B.A. Harvard University, J.D. University of New Hampshire School of Law.
Hometown: Born, raised, and currently live in Hull.
Civic involvement: Former Hull Selectman, Metropolitan Beaches Commission, Metropolitan Area Planning Council Executive Committee Member, Hull Capital Outlay Committee, Hull Lifesaving Museum - Board of Directors, Non-profit Executive Director, Massachusetts Bar Association, Access to Justice Section Council member, Women's Bar Association, Women's Leadership Initiative.

What experience – in your career or life – has best prepared you to serve as a State Senator?

My experience as a local elected official and social justice advocate uniquely qualify me to partner with civic and municipal leaders to work for our district. My work as selectman on regional boards has shaped my perspective on opportunities within our region and given me the chance to develop relationships with community and business leaders across the district. Leading a non-profit organization has given me a unique approach to reforming systems, advocacy, and government. I have created new initiatives, written legislation, worked to create opportunity for our most vulnerable residents, and promoted justice.

Who has been the greatest inspiration and influence on your life?

My mom and dad. As the daughter of a high school teacher and a school nurse, I was always taught that if you work hard and play by the rules, you should have access to a good job, a great education, and limitless opportunity in life. Their hard work and outlook inspired me to dedicate much of my life to helping others and giving back to the community.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I put myself through college by working as a sternman on my father's lobster boat, and I still occasionally help my brother who is a lobsterman.

Why should people vote for you on April 12?

As a non-profit executive, former selectman, and active in numerous community-based organizations, I will bring a different perspective to government – one using regional collaboration to give the South Shore a stronger voice. I understand the issues because this is where I grew up, where I've lived most of my life, and where I own a home. I have a comprehensive plan to address issues ranging from global climate change and sea level rise, the opiate crisis devastating our communities, and investing in education and transportation infrastructure.

Patrick O'Connor, Republican



Name: Patrick Michael O'Connor.
Age: 31.
Occupation: Weymouth Town Council President.
Family: My father, Michael is a plumber and my mother, Terry is a nurse. I have an older sister, Erin and extended family throughout the district.
Education: Weymouth High School, Kingston University in London, England, studied political science and economics.
Hometown: Lifelong Weymouth resident.
Civic involvement: Ten years on the Weymouth Town Council – three as president, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee (eight years), Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee (eight years), founder Weymouth's Mental Health & Substance Abuse Committee.

What experience has best prepared you to serve as a State Senator?

I have 10 years municipal experience and 8-½ years experience serving this district while working as legislative director for Bob Hedlund. This allowed me to work with local leaders throughout the district on important issues like local aid, education, public safety, and infrastructure and gave me the privilege of handling thousands of constituent cases. From policy issues to helping someone with personal issues, I have been the voice on the other end of the phone listening and helping. I am ready to build on my personal and professional relationships across the district and at the State House to deliver for the district and provide the representation it deserves.

Who has been the greatest inspiration and influence on your life?

My mother; she is the most selfless woman I know. She has always believed in me and stood by my side. For over 40 years she has helped care for premature babies as a neonatal intensive care nurse. It takes a special person to perform that work. She has taught me so much over the years and I would not be where I am today without her guidance.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

When I was 13 years old, I co-founded L40 Networks, an internet advertising and content promotion company that specialized in selling digital advertising. This venture afforded me the opportunity to attend school in London, England.

Why should people vote for you on April 12?

Serving in both municipal and state government has given me the opportunity to give back to a community that has given me so much. By embracing bipartisanship and focusing on what we all agree on, I intend to grow and secure our economy, increase aid to schools and local services, and help bring an end to this devastating opioid epidemic.

SENATE

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his own campaign and feels like politics is a newly discovered calling.

"I don't mind rolling up my sleeves and getting into the nitty-gritty and grunt work," Gill said. "It's been fun and educational to do it and learn how it all works."

As for his lack of campaign finances, Gill said he had no time to fund-raise and he wants to emphasize that he's a candidate who is not beholden to anyone or any special interests.

"Taking money at this point is wasting taxpayer dollars," said Gill, noting that if he wins the Republican primary, he'll begin seeking and accepting campaign contributions.

O'Connor, who worked as Hedlund's legislative director for eight years and launched his campaign for senate in November, has raised \$45,015 in 2016 and another \$8,000 at the end of 2015. He has also outspent all the other senate candidates and has won endorsements from Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Hedlund and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police.

While he's received criticism from his challenger Gill for planning to keep his seat on the Weymouth Town Council if elected to the senate, O'Connor said he doesn't see

any conflict.

"The district will always take priority," said O'Connor, who has town council meetings twice per month on Mondays.

O'Connor's current term on the Weymouth council ends in December 2017 and he said he plans to see it through.

"People voted for me and I'm honored to have that position and plan to keep my promise to the town and the voters. I'm not going to turn my back on my service."

O'Connor said he plans to donate the \$9,500 annual stipend he receives for serving on the town council to various groups and organizations within the district including Crossroads in Duxbury, the Friendship House in Norwell and the Boys & Girls Club in Marshfield.

"My full time job and responsibility will be to the district," O'Connor said.

Gill said he won't continue with his Seituate law practice and will be a full-time senator if he's elected.

His military background makes him a strong candidate qualified to serve as senator, Gill said.

"As a veteran the things we learn in the military, being in stressful and dangerous situations where you are tested – your mettle, constitution and spirit. After that, there's really not much that you can't do."

O'Connor said the years of experience he's had

working with municipal leaders throughout the district on issues like local aid, education, public safety and infrastructure gives him the edge in this race.

"I've already been working for the district for eight years, and I'm excited about the opportunity to continue that work."

As for priorities, O'Connor said the state budget drives everything.

"We need to strengthen the budget and reserves and then need to start to increase local aid and funding to Chapter 90," he said. "Our roads and sidewalks are falling apart in the district."

O'Connor said he will push for better financial resources to battle the opioid epidemic. "We need more community based support systems in place for people seeking help and those in recovery, and more grants for police departments."

Gill said he wants to bring civility, dignity and honor back to Beacon Hill politics and wants to be a strong independent advocate for the district.

"I have been all around the world, and I have a bigger world view and vision for the South Shore."

Democrats ready to make a run

Hoping to win the senate seat held by a Republican for more than two decades, Democratic candidates Joan

Meschino and Paul Gannon both say they have the relationships and experience to hit the ground running at the State House.

A former Hull selectman who serves on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Metropolitan Beaches Commission, Meschino said her experience as a local elected official and as a social justice advocate uniquely qualify her to represent the district.

"It's about building relationships and building consensus to get things done," she said.

Through her work on the MAPC and as a town official Meschino said she has developed good working relationships with officials in other towns and having advocated on Beacon Hill for years, has "a good feel for the ebb and flow" at the State House. Meschino said she'll take a regional, collaborative approach to representing the district and give the South Shore a stronger voice.

Gannon, a Hingham attorney and former state representative for South Boston, said he's the most prepared to get down to work in the senate.

"I've been in there, served on committees, drafted and voted on legislation and have personal relationships with other elected officials," said Gannon. "I've been building relationships with other Democratic legislators and I'll just build on that as senator," he said. "I

PRIMARY SNAPSHOT

For: The eight-town Plymouth and Norfolk district.
When: Tuesday, April 12. Polls open 7 a.m. To 8 p.m.
Where: Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.
Who: Democrat candidates Paul Gannon vs. Joan Meschino and Republicans Patrick O'Connor vs.

Stephen Gill.
Registered voters: 5,902
Democrats: 1,244
Republicans: 1,240
Unenrolled (can pull either ballot): 3,383
Cost to Town for running a special election: \$3,000
Expected turnout: 10 percent

have the depth of experience that no other candidate has."

Meschino, who is also an attorney and an executive for the non-profit Massachusetts Applesseed Center for Law and Justice, said dealing with environmental issues such as climate change and planning for economic development throughout the district will be her priorities if she's elected.

"We need to get the resources we need to invest in our communities, to adapt and be resilient," she said, adding "there has to be a focus on renewable energy and reducing our carbon footprint."

With the new senator taking office in mid-May in the middle of state budget deliberations, Meschino said she knows she'll have to be ready to get down to business.

"There's a lot going on the senate, right now," she said. "Talk about jumping into the deep end of the pool. But I'm up for it."

Gannon, who was first to launch his campaign in August 2015, said he's listened

to voters and shares their concerns about the need for more local aid and ending the opioid epidemic. Gannon is founder and is co-chairman of the Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and its affiliation with nearby towns through the Coastal Connection and called the opioid crisis the "top priority for anyone elected."

Gannon said if elected he will cut back working at his law practice and plans to be out in the district as much as possible, attending meetings and getting the pulse of the community. "I plan to be accessible and accountable to constituents," he said.

Polls for the April 12 state senate primary election – the second of four elections this spring – will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (see box). Town Clerk Carol St. Pierre is expecting 10 percent of the town's 5,902 registered voters to cast ballots in the election.

The special senate election will be held Tuesday, May 10.

OPINION

QUESTIONS? Contact Editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or mford@wickedlocal.com.

OUR VIEW

One big salad

Here are the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square, we are as different as our readers.

Some of us love jalapenos even in a salad; others like cucumbers or can't stand them and pick them out. We all seem to be partial to Chicken Caesar salads but some of us like their dressing on the side and others don't want croutons. Tomatoes in season are great in a salad but we seem to agree that spongy pale-looking tomatoes are to be avoided!

When the Cohasset won several prestigious General Excellence Awards from the New England Press Association – editor Mary Ford compared the Cohasset Mariner to a big salad with tons of different ingredients insuring that there is always something that appeals to someone. The audience chuckled and an editor of another paper approached her to say he had never heard that analogy before and was going to remember it.

The point is that your Cohasset Mariner is a mix of a lot of different elements – some of you may enjoy reading about high school sports, while others without children or grandchildren in the schools skip over that section.

The Around Town column is wildly popular especially when dean's lists and college graduation announcements are released judging from the number of calls from parents and grandparents wondering when their student will appear.

Picture This has been a Page 2 feature for more than 25 years! Sooner or later we capture everyone!

Our coverage of Town Hall is appealing to folks ranging from government watchdogs to those who worry about rising taxes. Police Beat news on page 3 continues to be one of the most read pages of the paper.

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the course of a year and most people enjoy them. Our submitted photos and articles seem to be a great way to get the word out about people, places and activities that we may not be able to cover ourselves.

Our "sports section" is a misnomer in that just the first three pages are sports, followed by school news, Your News, worship, obituaries, police/fire log, calendar, puzzles page and more.

We endeavor to cover all ages in the paper from newborn announcements to photos of a senior citizen celebrating his or her 100th birthday.

Our columns, cartoons, commentaries and letters on our editorial and op-ed pages will always make you think.

The point is – while you may not read or enjoy every page of the Mariner – surely there is something that does appeal and matters to you.

We bring this up because this week we had a call – the kind that is discouraging – from a woman wanting the cancel her subscription. We obliged and transferred her to circulation. But we did ask why. She explained she never opens the paper, it just sits there and she then recycles it. We asked how she was going to find out what is going on in town and she replied that a friend would keep her informed. She was not angry about any coverage – she was just uninterested.

That type of call is always distressing because we deeply believe that the Cohasset Mariner, which has been a part of Cohasset since 1978, is not only a good buy (when compared to the price of a cup of coffee), but so very important to our town. We cannot imagine Cohasset without the printed Mariner and hope you agree!

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COMMENTARY

Character of Cohasset at stake

By James Marten

In reference to the Mariner article "Legal Moat Surrounds James Island" published on March 18:

I am writing in reference to an article in the Cohasset Mariner of March 18, 2016 entitled "Legal Moat Surrounds James Island". It missed many key points of this matter so I must defend the hard working members of the Cohasset Conservation Commission.

Some years ago, Cohasset voters passed the conservation bylaw to protect our wetlands and coastal banks within 50 feet of these fragile areas for good reason. This Town has a clear

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and unambiguous law preventing construction inside the 50 foot buffer zone. More recently, as development became more intense, especially around beautiful Little Harbor due to the newly commissioned public sewerage, the Cohasset Conservation Commission held a public hearing to alert interested citizens, developers and engineering consultants that it is determined to hold to the wishes of our Town voters to protect endangered wetlands and coastal banks.

Nevertheless, the James Island project proposed the construction of a 300-foot road through the 50-foot buffer zone in order to access a proposed new 4-story large home.

Our Conservation Commissioners reviewed the case thoroughly over 2 months (3 lengthy hearings) and decided not to grant a variance. That is, our commissioners enforced the town's bylaws, as they are required to do.

The issue today is that these variances are so valuable that owners

and developers will go to extraordinary lengths to get them. I believe this is the reason that the petitioners are prepared to sue the Town they live in, the Town's law firm, its lawyer, its volunteer commissioners, the legal experts in the case, and even one of the neighbors!

We must stand ready to defend our Town's bylaws and both the elected and appointed officials charged with enforcing them and stop any new construction inside our 50-foot buffer zones. We must do this before the character of Cohasset is changed forever, and the volunteerism that is such a valuable feature of our Town is lost.

— Dr. James Marten lives at 78 Nichols Road.

PANTRY CORNER

Rotary food donation appreciated

Hello, and welcome to another edition of the Pantry Corner. This week we'd like to thank the Cohasset Rotary for donating oranges, bananas, hot dogs, and hot dog rolls that were left over from the road race.

Items that we need: Peanut butter, jellies, soups & chowders, tuna, spaghetti sauce, corned beef hash, beef stew, canned fruit, juice, cereal,

and gift cards to local grocery stores.

The Food Pantry is open for donations every Tuesday morning between 8 and 8:30 a.m. If this does not fit into your schedule there is a donation box at St. Anthony's Parish Center in the foyer, and one at Stop & Shop. Please be sure not to put any perishables in the donation boxes.

We are also happy to arrange a meeting time

with anyone who contacts us at the food pantry.

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VOTERS:

Register for town meeting, town election

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 will be the last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting on Monday May 2, 2016 and the Annual Town Election on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Registration will be held at

the Town Clerk's office, 41 Highland Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election

Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for

a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

COMMUNITY LIGHTS

Volunteer opportunities

Editor's Note: the Mariner is looking to compile a list of local volunteer opportunities; please email Mary Ford at mford@wickedlocal.com with requests.

■ Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition is looking for new members. SHCC is a group of dedicated

volunteers working to educate students and parents about the consequences of misusing substances like alcohol, marijuana and non-personally prescribed drugs. For more information email Christine Murphy at christine.murphy02025@gmail.com. Or contact Christine

at 339-235-6135.

■ FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity) volunteers provide rides to Cohasset seniors for out-of-town appointments using personal vehicles. Trips are beyond Cohasset and serve locations for which taking

public transportation is not available. Rides are Monday-Friday for appointments that are scheduled between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Typically, a FISH driver commits to one or two scheduled days per month. Contact CEA transportation staff at 781-383-9112.

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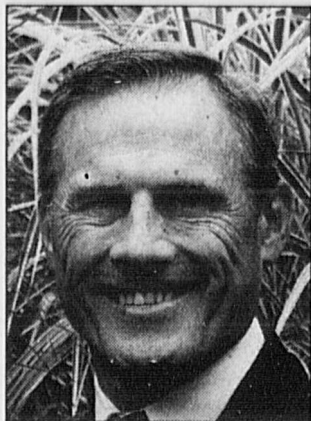
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

For selectman candidates:

Cohasset is not going for a Prop. 2-½ override for fiscal 2017, which starts July 1, but, in light of the new teachers' contract, is there any way to avoid seeking an override for the following year?

Steve Gaumer



Steve Gaumer.

For a number of years, the School Committee (SC) and Board of Selectmen (BOS), along with the two financial advisory committees met to address risks to current and future budgets. All parties shared the same objective: To prudently apply the resources of our town and achieve superior outcomes. By all accounts, this group had a history of success.

This function was extinguished in 2013, when a majority of the BOS voted for its retirement.

It is no coincidence that the demise of the budget planning function preceded the current budget pressure. The purpose of the group was to look to the future and provide actionable information for use in budget construction. Once the information flow stopped, budget surprises arrived.

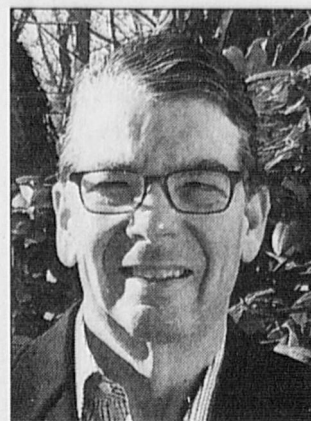
This year, the BOS, have called for reviving a long term planning function, which again will include the School Committee. In my view, this body will review the structure, function and priority of budget expenses in order to optimize our tax dollars.

The move was

prompted when the SC submitted a budget that included, an increase of \$500,000 for required, though unanticipated special education expenses. The total budget is \$192,000 beyond the planned budget parameters. Working with the SC the BOS have committed to finding a method to close the budget gap, reigniting both the spirit and purpose of long range planning.

Calling for an override assumes that your elected officials have done their best, collective work to apply your tax dollars effectively toward your priorities, and have come up short. We have just begun to effectively budget for priorities, and it is premature to assume we need a tax increase.

Jack Keniley



Jack Keniley.

We have a tight budget this year and we will continue to have tight budgets far into the future. Overrides are not a miracle cure and will not relieve us of the responsibility of managing our budget.

Our town officials are hyper aware that our ability to raise funds through the use of real estate taxes is limited because there are few opportunities for commercial development. This is not the case for towns like Hingham and Norwell who have significant commercial tax revenue that allow them to stabilize residential taxes and at the same time fund more town services.

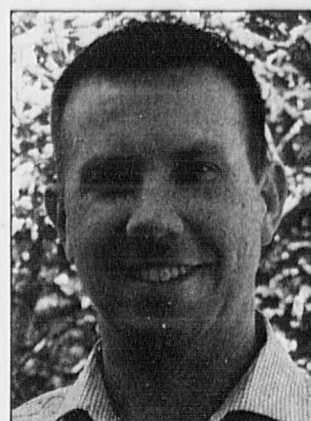
Our schools are the biggest line item in the budget so any changes have a significant impact. The new contract has a 6 percent increases over 3 years. To put this in perspective, the previous contract was 5.875 percent over three years. The two contracts before that were 7 percent and 10 percent. This contract is hardly a budget buster that will necessitate an override.

But, it takes careful planning among all of

the stakeholders in the budget process to negotiate a budget we can fund. The town manager has some flexibility with "unanticipated revenues" that don't show up in the budget such as new growth and higher than anticipated fees, but the most effective means of budget management is the use of the Budget Planning Committee.

Since the BPC was disbanded in 2014, the process for hammering out the critical priorities of town departments has been lost. Without a mechanism to bring key stakeholders together to openly discuss budget and long-term fiscal priorities, including the schools, we are missing a critical step in our budget process.

Nathan Redmann



Nathan Redmann.

I'd like to begin by thanking the School Committee for their efforts to resolve the teachers' contract. The work undertaken during the difficult and contentious negotiation process is a testament to their dedication to our students and town. The resulting contract is fair, equitable, and in-line with benchmarking from surrounding communities. Most importantly, it allows Cohasset to attract and retain high quality educators.

The new contractual increases did not require an override in FY16 or FY17 and based on current fiscal forecasts won't be the cause of an override in FY18. Paying our educators a fair and competitive wage fits within existing fiscal policies and the constraints of Prop 2-½. The year-to-year uncertainty in the school's budget is largely driven by legally mandated special education costs, which increased \$245,063 (5.7 percent) for FY17. We have a legal and moral obligation to educate all students; establishing a Special Education Stabilization Fund at Town Meeting will enable us to better manage these highly variable costs.

Though the teachers' contract is sustainable

within the constraints of Prop 2-½, Cohasset needs to think critically about how we continue to pay our educators a competitive wage, while at the same time empowering the School Committee to drive growth in student achievement. Investments made in our educational system pay dividends for our students and everyone in town. An override may not be the answer, but should be one consideration as we work together to identify and balance the priorities of the community. Doing so, while respecting all social and economic circumstances, isn't an easy task and requires the collaboration of our community, elected officials, and Town Manager to chart a path forward.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

FOR SELECTMAN CANDIDATES:

"Should affordable family housing be a primary focus for Cohasset in the near future, and if so, why and how?"

Responses should be brief — no more than 275 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked

to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates should reply by e-mail at mford@wickedlocal.com.

The Mariner will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited

to a few paragraphs (a total of about 175 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short issue statements and the like.

All candidates opposed or unopposed (who have not already done so) are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the

editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates in the Town Election. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@wickedlocal.com.

LIBRARY CORNER

Celebrating National Poetry Month

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

NATIONAL MY SOCIAL SECURITY WEEK: From 2 to 4 p.m. April 8, Kristen Alberino, a Social Security Public Affairs specialist, will visit the library to explain the My Social Security website and assist people in registering for it. Attendees can check their benefits, review estimates of future retirement and disability benefits, verify lifetime earnings, and more. All are welcome.

SUNDAY AUTHOR TALKS: In celebration of National Poetry Month, professor of creative writing at Lesley University, poet, essayist, author, and translator Danielle Legros George will read from her collection of poetry at the Cohasset library at 4 p.m. April 24. A wine and cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. Admission is free. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits. For more information, call the library at 383-1348.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: Residents are invited to join for coffee and a discussion of David McCullough's book "The Wright Brothers" at 10 a.m. April 27.

POEM IN A POCKET: During the week of April 24, celebrate National Poetry Month by participating in a town-wide Poem-In-Your-Pocket program which encourages all citizens to carry a poem in their

pockets and be ready, if and when asked, to pull it out and read it. Drop by the library to pick up a free poem to carry.

COHASSET COMMUNITY CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE: Join other residents for food and fun from 10 a.m. to noon April 30 for the Cohasset Community Campus Open House. Explore the Library, the newly relocated Recreation Department, Willcutt Commons Senior Center and Cohasset Veterans Services to learn about the many programs and resources offered.

PERKINS TALKING BOOKS: The library has a Perkins digital talking book player and an assortment of talking books, fiction and nonfiction, for eligible people. People with vision and hearing loss find the player suitable for their reading needs. People unable to hold a book because of a physical disability find listening to books with the digital player an alternative to print books. Visit the reference desk to learn more about how you can check out a player and talking book cartridges.

LIBRARY ON THE GO: Download e-books with Overdrive, stream movies from Hoopla, learn a foreign language using Pronunciator, read e-magazines from Zinio, and learn a new skill using Lynda.com all on a mobile device. It's free. A library card is needed. Learn more by stopping by the reference desk.

NEW MUSEUM PASSES: Cohasset library cardholders now have access to two new passes. Explore the many properties at the Mass

Audubon Wildlife Sanctuaries, Nature Centers, and Museums or gather the gang and have fun at The Hall at Patriot Place. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has generously donated the pass to the Audubon Sanctuaries. The Friends of the Library is sponsoring the pass to The Hall at Patriot Place. Details of both passes are on our website. Reservations may be made online or by calling the circulation desk.

MOVIES, MUSIC, AND MORE: Download up to 20 titles of movies, e-books, music, and comics every month from Hoopla, free with a Cohasset library card. Music from the play "Hamilton," the movie "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," David Bowie, Glenn Frey and so much more streams to a computer or mobile device. Explore Hoopla's site at hooplalibrary.com/home. Contact the reference librarian for more information.

ONLINE TOOLS: Discover what the Cohasset library card can do by visiting the website cohassetlibrary.org. Learn a new language with Pronunciator, brush up on skills needed in that new job with Lynda.com, or snuggle down with a good book on a rainy or cold day by borrowing an ebooks from Overdrive. Call the reference librarian for help accessing these services.

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE: The library is on the road every Tuesday afternoon delivering materials to Cohasset residents of all ages. Call the library at 781-383-1348, and ask for Kristin or Gayle, or send an email to library@cohassetlibrary.org to get started.

LIBRARY KIDS

Drop In Crafts on Thursdays

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at: cohassetlibrary.org.

Programs

Drop In Crafts: Between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursdays

Mamasteph: 10:30 a.m. Mondays

Lego Club: 4-5 p.m. Mondays

Puppet Story Time with Leigh and Friends: 10:30 a.m. April 12 and 26

Special Events

Dig In: 10:30 a.m. April 30. "Dig In!" with the Children's Museum in Easton at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Identity, compare and explore. Junior paleontologists will excavate fossils

to take home and construct their own 3D model. Register online at cohassetlibrary.org.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Accept the challenge. Registration forms and reading logs available in the Children's Room. For more information: 1000books-before-kindergarten-program.org

NORFOLK COUNTY

Registry Customer Service Center

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reminds consumers if they have a question or a concern about a land document related issue, the answer is just a phone call away by dialing the Registry's Customer Service Center at 781-461-6101.

The department is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

"The Customer Service Center is a one-stop shop," said O'Donnell. "It provides homeowners and real estate professionals alike with detailed information about a wealth of land document related issues. These subjects include questions might have about confirming current ownership of property, checking whether or not there is a lien on a

particular piece of property and verifying to see if a discharge of a mortgage has been filed after the loan has been paid off. We are glad to help, whether you come through the doors of the Registry or call us by phone."

"The department can also inform customers about the cost for filing land documents. And upon a customer's request, can provide copies of documents for a fee of \$1, plus an additional \$1 per document to cover postage cost. In addition, Customer Service Center staff are happy to answer questions about the Homestead Act, which provides limited protection against the forced sale of a homeowner's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000," noted O'Donnell.

Notary services are also offered by the Customer Service Center.

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, like the Registry at facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds or follow them on twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities and others with a need for secure, accurate, accessible land record information. Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center via telephone at 781-461-6101, or online.

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STATEHOUSE

Cohasset receives highway funds

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, recently announced that towns within the 3rd Plymouth District will receive certain funding through the Massachusetts Highway Department to repair and maintain local public roads in the coming year.

"I am very pleased that the town of Cohasset will receive \$210,380 in Chapter 90 in the fiscal year 2017," Bradley said.

"The maintenance and improvement of our roads and bridges is essential not only for transportation, but for the jobs they provide. It is mutually beneficial for road safety as well as our economy. It pleases me to see our community funding and the much needed roadway projects that will result."

The Chapter 90 formula is based on road miles, population and employees.

The formula was developed by the Legislative Road Caucus of the Transportation Committee. The factors used in the formula are 58.33 percent road miles, 20.83 percent population and 20.83 percent employment. The state adds the total number of public ways in a town to determine how many road miles are to be included in the formula.

UPDATE

Boards supportive of Taser request

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Selectmen say it's not up to them whether Cohasset Police should get the Tasers they've asked for. Officials and citizens agreed, however, that the request should be granted.

Capital Budget Committee took a contingent vote last week supporting the purchase, provided that selectmen were in favor. Now that the community and selectmen have given their blessing, the decision is made: like their neighbors in Hull and Marshfield, Cohasset police will be equipped with Tasers.

A Taser can create distance and de-escalate a violent situation. The nitrogen-propelled probes can hit a subject with perfect accuracy from 25 feet and deliver a five-second shock, disarming the subject and giving an officer time to move in and subdue them.

This is useful if the subject has a knife, as may be the case if domestic violence or drugs are involved. These kinds of calls are more common than people think because, to protect the identity of the innocent,

domestic and mental health calls are no longer shared with the press.

"I was surprised to hear that police have been in situations where their life was endangered and they had to draw their weapons, even since January," said Steve Gaumer, chairman of the board. "Somebody suffering from a variety of issues may act in a way that is irrational."

Current non-lethal options — pepper spray or a nightstick — can only be used at close range, putting officers and criminal subjects at greater risk. Communities across the state have already equipped their officers with Tasers, and statistics show reduced harm to both officers and criminal subjects.

Police Chief Bill Quigley first pitched the idea to selectmen at their March 29th meeting. The board followed up on April 6th after giving the public an opportunity to speak up about any concerns.

Selectmen received written correspondence and phone calls over the course of the week. Some questioned whether Cohasset needed to give law enforcement officers such a dramatic weapon.

Many of these fears, however, seemed to be based on the over-dramatization of Tasers on TV. The majority of citizens who reached out favored the proposal, as long as appropriate training would be provided.

Last week, Chief Quigley assured the board that officers would be trained to use the weapon appropriately — and just as importantly, they would be trained *not* to use it unless absolutely necessary, just like a firearm.

Selectmen decided on April 6th that they would not take any action or vote regarding a policy on Tasers for Cohasset police, saying that police and fire policies have never been their purview and it would be inappropriate to treat this matter any differently.

Instead, they said, it should fall to the Advisory Committee to determine whether the purchase makes financial sense, and to the Town Manager and Police Chief to determine the town's true need. It also falls to those parties to regulate use and training surrounding the new weapons.

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LIFE AT CHS

Enough of winter already

Once again, the students awoke to see snow covering the ground, but were disappointed to find this did not grant them another snow day. In lieu of the regularly scheduled school hours, there's a general consensus that all students at CHS — and teachers for that matter — are tired of winter.

Having heard from all of our colleges, the seniors of CHS are caught between wanting to relax and wanting to panic — while we don't have to worry about applications anymore, there is still the looming decision of choosing a college to attend before us — and no amount of acceptance letters pasted up in the guidance hallway will change the fact that we can all only choose one school.

Directly after we make the momentous decision, sophomore, junior and senior students are reminded that AP tests are coming up — and it's going to be a rough two weeks of May for everyone. At the beginning of our weekly utility period on Thursday, AP students were asked to fill out the technical, formal part of the exam sheets — name, class, date of birth — so that the actual day of the test can be dedicated to the topic itself.

Mr. Fish, Mr. McCabe and Mr. Willis have begun their annual SAT preparation course. Though the seniors no longer have to worry about the SATs, the juniors and sophomores must prepare for a modified version of the standardized test that will help colleges



BECCA FREDEY

determine their academic abilities. We at Cohasset just love getting defined solely by our GPA and SAT scores.

Athletic teams haven't had much luck in the past week — though it seems reasonable to believe that spring sports would be held outside, the snow made that all but impossible, forcing sports such as track and field, baseball, and lacrosse to be held in the gym or, in some cases, cancelled altogether.

Not requiring a turf field or the sunshine, however, the capella group run by high school chorus teacher Ms. Arenstam has continued practicing after their successful performance of the national anthem last Thursday at All-Bands Night.

Students enjoyed a half day of school this Wednesday. Many students could be found milling around town, getting lunch with their friends, some opted to stay home and catch up on homework and school reading, while others took a much-needed break from doing much of anything at all. That same day, term three of the 2015-16 school year came to a close, signifying the beginning of the end for seniors as they enter their final few weeks of high school.

To emphasize this finality, in addition to

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the college acceptances, "Prom-posals" have become somewhat of a trend as seniors scramble to find dates to prom so they won't be walking the red carpet solo on May 26th.

As we're in the home stretch of the school year, students must still remember that their grades still matter, homework still needs to be done and, as much as we would like to, staying up at all hours isn't the best idea... unless of course, you're prepping for the AP exam. In that case, you don't really have a choice.

—Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. She still has to choose where she's going to college and the way spring is pretending to be winter really isn't helping the situation.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of March 28-April 1.

\$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 4133)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the \$200 million would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Supporters said this would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe. They noted that the money will be delivered early in the construction season and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward.

Although no one voted against the proposal, the Massachusetts Municipal Association had urged legislators to increase the funding to \$300 million per year and have it in effect for several years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes

MADE IN MASSACHUSETTS (S 2191)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would create a MassMade program which identifies and supports businesses that produce consumer goods in the Bay State and serves as a resource for consumers seeking goods made in the state. In order to qualify, a business must meet three conditions: produce a consumer good in the state; be headquartered in the state or have a principal place of business here; and possess a certificate of good standing from the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.

Supporters, noting that Maine and New Hampshire have similar programs, said the state has many small and larger businesses that make their goods here but have difficulty conveying that to the public because of lack of advertising dollar. They argued this program will help these loyal companies, boost the economy and demonstrate that the state is supportive of local businesses.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

HELP BAY STATE BUSINESSES BID ON STATE PROJECTS (S 2191)

Senate 36-0, approved an amendment requiring the state to develop methods to provide support to Massachusetts-based businesses that bid on state contracts.

Amendment supporters said this would help these local businesses navigate

through the often complicated bidding process. They argued awarding contracts to Massachusetts-based companies would strengthen the economy and create jobs.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

IDENTIFY OBSTACLES (S 2191)

Senate 36-2, approved an amendment requiring the MassMade program to identify obstacles to conducting business in the Massachusetts.

Amendment supporters said this would help existing and future Bay State-based companies by identifying and hopefully eventually removing some of these obstacles.

Amendment opponents offered no arguments. Beacon Hill Roll Call made repeated attempts to contact the two senators who voted against the bill but they did not respond.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

PUBLIC WORKERS' SAFETY (S 2190)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would expand health and safety protections to cover state and municipal employees. The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) covers private employees but 26 states have exercised the act's option of extending the OSHA protections to public workers.

Supporters said this would cover an estimated 150,000 state workers and countless local ones who perform jobs that are sometimes just as dangerous as private sector ones.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DRUG OFFENSES AND DRIVER'S LICENSES (S 1812) - Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill that would repeal a 1989 law that requires anyone convicted of a non-violent drug crime to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle. The measure allows automatic license suspension for anyone convicted of trafficking in illegal drugs, except for marijuana. Another provision repeals the current law that requires offenders to pay a \$500 fee to get their license back. The bill is retroactive and also applies to people who currently are without a license because of this law.

TAX AMNESTY FROM APRIL 1 TO MAY 31 - The Department of Revenue (DOR) announced another tax amnesty program. If you owe the state back taxes, you will be issued a "Tax Amnesty Notice" from the DOR. If you pay the full amount of tax and interest due by May 31, tax penalties and any interest due on those penalties will be waived by the DOR. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/TaxAmnesty or call DOR's Customer Service line at 617-887-6367 or toll free in Massachusetts at 800-392-6089.

WARNING SYSTEM AT BEACHES - CALEIGH'S LAW (S 1956) - As

summer and beach season approach, a bill creating a program that uses different colored flags to advise beachgoers of the safety conditions at their beach remains stuck in the House Ways and Means committee. This uniform warning system would be required at all public beaches maintained by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Cities and towns would have the option of using the flags for their local beaches.

The bill was filed at the urging of Anthony Harrison, the father of Caileigh Harrison, the 2-year-old girl who went missing while at the beach in 2012 and is believed to have been swept out to sea. Supporters said the flag system might have saved Caileigh's life and should become law in order to save the lives of others.

The Senate approved the bill on July 23 and sent it to the House for action. The measure has remained in the House Ways and Means Committee for more than eight months. Sponsors hope that the bill won't meet the same fate it did in the 2013-2014 session when the Senate approved it but it died in the House Ways and Means Committee and never reached the House floor.

IMPOSE SALES TAX ON ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE (S 1974) - Another proposal approved by the Senate in July and still stuck in the House Ways and Means Committee would require the state to plan and prepare to collect sales taxes on all items purchased online if and when the federal government authorizes states to mandate that Internet sellers collect sales taxes. Federal law currently only requires the sales tax to be collected by sellers, like Amazon, who have a physical presence like a store or warehouse in the state.

Under current state law, a Massachusetts resident who buys a taxable item online is required to take the initiative and pay the 6.25 percent sales tax upon filing of his or her state tax return. But few ever do so.

Supporters said this will raise a much needed \$150 million to \$200 million annually if implemented in the Bay State. They noted that Massachusetts local brick and mortar stores are all required to collect the sales tax and are losing sales to online companies. They argued that the tax is not a new tax but rather a new system to collect a tax that taxpayers are already required to pay but rarely do so.

Opponents said the tax is a new tax since the honor system of people paying the sales tax when filing their returns has not worked. They said the last thing the state's taxpayers need is a tax increase during this struggling economy.

INCREASE TERMS OF VETERANS' AGENTS (H 3130) - The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing cities and towns to increase from one year to up to three years the duration of the term of their appointed veterans' agent.

Supporters said it takes a while for veterans' agents to get settled, develop experience and establish a supportive and trusting relationship with their local veterans. They noted that the increased term will allow for the stability and continuity which will provide critical and effective support to these heroes.

PEACE DAY (S 2181) - The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing on a proposal designating September 21 as Peace Day, in memory of victims lost to acts of violence, to recognize and further the goals of Peace Day in the United States, and International Peace Day.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of March 21-April 1, the House met for a total of six hours and 20 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 56 minutes.

NEWS

Cunningham Bridge replacement on table

By Amanda C. Thompson
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No longer can the town say, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it." The time is overripe for replacing Cunningham Bridge, and the state has offered to do it in 2017.

In addition to providing residential access to Atlantic Ave. homes, Cunningham Bridge is important because it's the gateway to Sandy Beach. Residents and guests need it to be accessible and want it to be attractive, but most importantly, they need it to be safe.

The bridge was reported structurally deficient in 2014, and has been listed in the Transportation Improvement Program for longer than that. That program has now secured \$4 million in Federal Highway funding for the project from Mass DOT, so the bridge can be replaced at no cost to Cohasset.

While the bridge won't be crumbling into the ocean tomorrow, the need to replace it did not come as a surprise to Town Engineer Brian Joyce, who said it's structurally deficient all the way down to the abutments. The state says it's in "severe" condition.

"With the rapid flow of every tide cycle, there's scouring under the abutments," explained Joyce. "There's also material loss on the middle beams of the span."

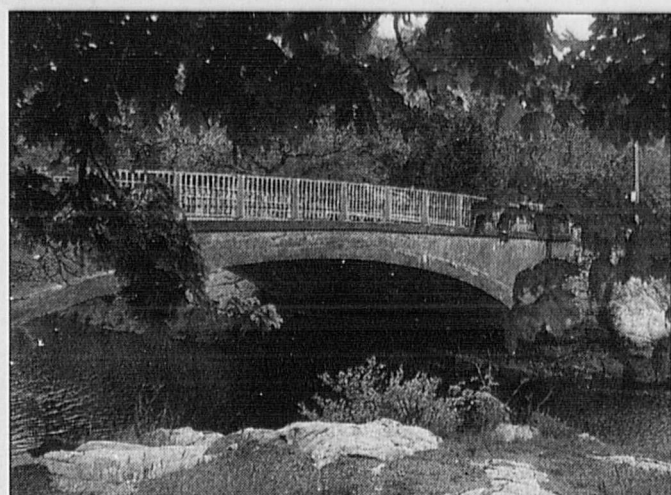
The urgency of the replacement project did, however, come as a surprise to the selectmen, who said they had never heard of the issue before Joyce brought it before them on April 6th. Capital Budget Committee and abutters were also caught off guard. Most had not heard about the state's plans for the bridge prior to a public hearing that was held at Willcutt Commons on Feb. 25th.

In order to meet the state's timeline and get the project out to bid by September, this issue has to go before Annual Town Meeting in May. But Chairman Steve Gaumer was loath to bring it there without giving it due consideration, including public discussion.

On the other hand, if the Town misses this opportunity, it'll have to fund the project itself, and sooner rather than later. And if the Town waits, this project could coincide with improvements that will soon be necessary for the Border Street Bridge.

"As stewards of the Town's funds, do we want to pass up a free bridge?" said Selectman Kevin McCarthy. "If we pass it up, we could put the Town in jeopardy of a \$4 million bill a few years down the road."

The board's main concern



Cunningham Bridge work will begin in late August, 2017 and will continue through May, 2018. The bridge will be closed for 10 months. COURTESY PHOTO FROM COHASSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

was how public safety vehicles could access that part of town while the bridge is down. Work is set to begin in late August 2017 and would continue through May 2018. The bridge would be closed for 10 months.

All traffic would be redirected along Beach Street to North Main, around Jerusalem and Nichols Road, and back to Atlantic Ave. to approach the beach from the other side. For residents of that area, it'll take several minutes onto the daily commute. A map of the detour route is available at CohassetMA.org.

But if the Town decides to wait on this project, the bridge could deteriorate so far that the state shuts it down, anyway. And while a 10-month closure would pose an inconvenience to public safety, so would leaving the bridge alone until it can no longer bear the weight of a 30,000-pound fire truck.

Replacing Cunningham Bridge would give the town a chance to make some important updates.

It's an opportunity to replace utility mains in the area. After a water leak a few years ago, the mains had to be downsized; the new ones would improve hydraulics for residents in that part of town. A new sewer crossing would also be installed.

It's also a chance to bring the roadway up to code. Presently, with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour, the curve is too sharp and the lanes are too narrow. Between 2009 and 2013, six crashes were reported at the site for an accident rate 12 percent higher than the statewide average for roadways.

The new bridge would feature a gentler curve, increasing safety for both motorists and pedestrians, as well as standard 12-foot lanes. A proper sidewalk would be added, railing included. The sidewalk would extend into the curve so that bikers and foot traffic

won't be unceremoniously dropped into traffic once they reach the end of the bridge.

Altogether, the new bridge would be three feet wider than the old one. To accommodate the realignment of the roadway curve, the Town would have to acquire easements on both ends of the bridge, which is the purpose of the proposed warrant article. This acquisition is the only part of the project that the town would have to manage and fund.

The three easements would affect four property owners. One of them would be permanent, since plans show a new seawall going in at that location.

Some of those property owners, however, aren't happy. They don't want to soften the curve because they fear it will encourage motorists to drive faster. They don't want to replace the railing because they like the aesthetic of the cast iron rails that are there now. And they don't want to fill in parts of the salt marsh to make the suggested changes.

Abutter Sam Wakeman pointed out that the state acquired some land back in the 1950s with the intent of straightening Atlantic Ave. He and neighbors feel that the state should use the land it already has a right to, rather than asking the Town to take even more.

The board of selectmen knows that this article has to go to Annual Town Meeting, which means it has to get on the warrant by next week. However, the board held off on making a recommendation until its upcoming meeting on April 11th, which will be the final meeting before the Warrant goes to print.

Twenty-five percent plans for the project are available at CohassetMA.org.

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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Charged up over electric cars

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It's the potential for savings, not a "cool factor," that's driving the Town's pursuit of electric vehicles and concurrent charging stations.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is currently operating an Electric Vehicle Incentive Program that offers rebates for electric vehicles and charging stations.

Since Cohasset was recently recognized as a Green Community, the Alternative Energy Committee feels this is a great opportunity for the town to encourage electric vehicle use by providing the charging stations, as well as set an example by replacing certain municipal vehicles with electric alternatives.

The Department of Environmental Protection offers \$5,000 toward the purchase or lease of a hybrid vehicle and \$7,500 for a full electric one. In addition, it offers rebates for the installation of charging stations, which the committee would like to place at the public safety building and at one or more

locations in the village.

Green Communities regulations require many municipal vehicles to be replaced with fuel-efficient alternatives at the end of their useful life, so this transition would need to happen soon anyway for a couple of cars in town.

In particular, the committee has its eye on two 2005 police vehicles – one for the animal control officer, and one unmarked detective car – that will likely be up for replacement soon. Other than that, though, the police already have a system of cycling out old vehicles, and the new ones need to be pursuit-ready more than tree-friendly.

The Department of Public Works is another department that probably can't take advantage of the offer, since their trucks need to be heavy-duty in order to accommodate plow attachments.

On the other hand, the fire department and schools have expressed a definite interest in new vehicles. Fire could use one for home inspections, and the schools could use one for meal transport.

While the vans used for

special education transportation are nearing the end of their lives, the district is more likely to outsource this need than to lease or purchase new vehicles, even with incentives on the line.

Making the change would generate gas savings as well as savings on oil-related maintenance costs. Another perk of the electric vehicles is that they come with a battery warranty up to 100,000 miles.

But there are definitely pros and cons to the trade-off. One downside would be that the battery must be kept at least 50 percent charged in colder weather.

Mary Jo Larson of Alternative Energy has investigated the options and determined that leasing the vehicles would be more cost-effective. The Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt, and Volkswagen Golf could all be leased for under \$100 per month.

"This is a cost-savings move," said Alternative Energy Chairman Shaun Selha. "We're not doing this just to have them."

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UPDATE

Streetlights mystery is solved

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National Grid has finally shed some light on a discrepancy that was preventing the town from purchasing and retrofitting the lights with more energy-efficient bulbs.

Last summer, the town conducted a survey of streetlights in Cohasset and was surprised at what it found... or rather, didn't find. National Grid listed 550 lights. The town's contractor, however, found only 449, and 88 of them weren't even working.

Until the true number of streetlights could be confirmed, the town could not purchase the lights from the utility, which threw a wrench in the Alternative Energy Committee's plans to retrofit them with brighter, more efficient LED lamps using 2016 Green Community grant funding.

The town was unable to get any kind of concrete response from National Grid throughout the fall and winter. The

utility insisted the lights were there, so the town's consultant went back out to look again.

Now, finally, the numbers are in. It turned out that most of the "missing" streetlights were located on private ways but had been filed under the name of the nearest main roadway. National Grid will reimburse the town for expenses paid on the two lights that truly did not exist, as well as granting a credit for the 88 non-functioning lights.

The credit will only cover payments made as far back as September, when the town filed notice that the lights were out of order. That's as far back as the utility is able to reimburse, even if some of those lights stopped working long before anyone reported it.

National Grid has also committed to repairing the broken lights before selling them to the town. This is included in the purchase and sale agreement, which

is currently under review by Town Council.

The proposed purchase price for the entire package of streetlights comes to a little over \$14,000. Alternative Energy noted that the amount is far less than the utility initially asked.

The committee planned to put next year's \$250,000 Green Community grant toward the streetlight conversion project, but now it looks like that may be unnecessary.

The Department of Energy Resources recently stated that it is in the process of issuing a new grant for municipalities looking to complete streetlight LED conversions. If Cohasset can take advantage of that, then it will free up the 2017 Green Community funds for other energy conservation measures.

Converting the streetlights will generate electrical savings of around 2 or 3 percent.

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DREDGING

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knows, fall will be too late to save the 2016 boating season.

Which is why the Army Corps has proposed to remove an additional 4,000 yards of material during the month of May. The process should take about two weeks.

The focus area will be the "hump" out beyond what are known as the "three dolphins." Selectman Steve Gaumer described the area as a "big bucket" that collects a lot of material during winter storms due to its geological position. If left alone, a few more winters like 2015 could turn it into a barrier beach.

Because dredging season closed on Jan. 31st, the Army Corps can't move ahead with the emergency dredging unless it gets permission from the state and federal Environmental Protection Agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, and more.

O'Donnell said they'll likely get the approval, and the timing will be opportune to take advantage of a government-owned Currituck (hopper dredge) that will be in local waters for other projects this spring.

How did it come to this? Dredging was supposed to be a routine procedure over the winter of 2014-15, yet now it could drag on into early 2017.

Like the weather conditions that kept teams from working in January, events surrounding this project have been a perfect storm, which left in its wake fingers of blame pointing every which way.

The project did go out to bid in 2014, but after Hurricane Sandy left a trail of destruction along the East Coast, no one was interested in bidding on a routine maintenance project, and resources were tied up elsewhere.

The town received several bids the following spring and awarded the project to H2H Associates of Troy, New York. That contractor then brought in a sub-contractor, Blue Water Dredging, also of New York.

Maybe it was a case of too many cooks in the kitchen. Maybe, as the subcontractor claims, it was poor management; or maybe, as the Army Corps claims, the contractor simply couldn't get the job done.

Selectman Gaumer summarized it best, though. "I'm not interested in finger pointing as long as the job gets done," he said. "The issue at hand is getting that channel open."

The continued work must

be completed for the original amount agreed upon when the project was awarded; it won't cost the Town any extra. The channel will not be closed during dredging, but with equipment in the water, boaters are urged to travel slowly and carefully while dredging is ongoing.

"We're doing our job of trying to fix the channel, so we hope that people will be cooperative," said O'Donnell.

"It's clear that the project has not gone the way we intended," said Town Manager Chris Senior. "We partnered with them to get them up and running early, and they lost some of the best fall weather we've had in years – then in January we had nor'easters."

Senior tallied the damages incurred during the project. A pipe moved in the harbor and damaged the mooring field. The boat ramp has been destroyed. It's on the Army Corps to cover the damages to private property, said Senior.

"But Sandy Beach is done," he said. "It looks great; it's clean; and it's open to the public. That's the silver lining of the dredging cloud."

Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.

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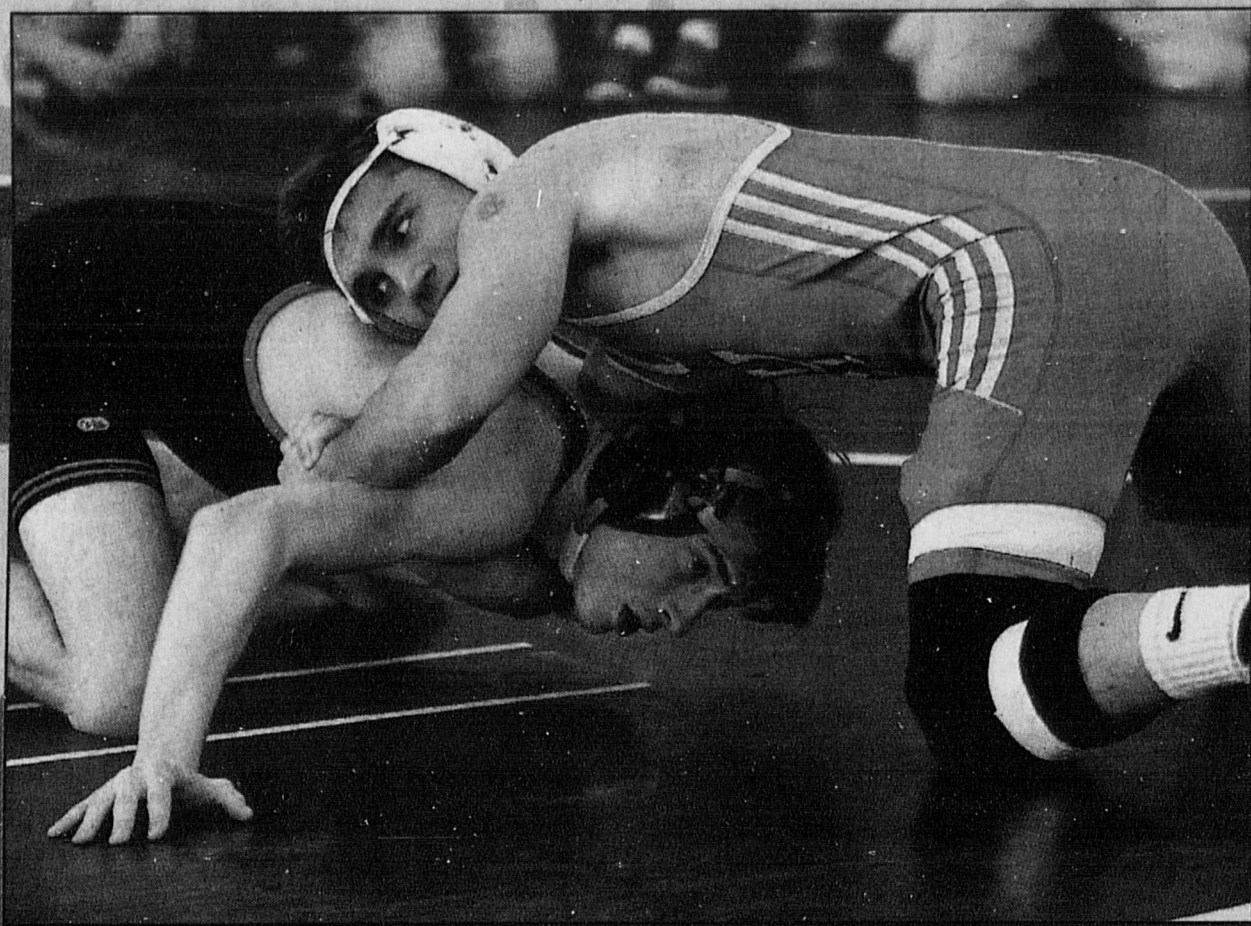
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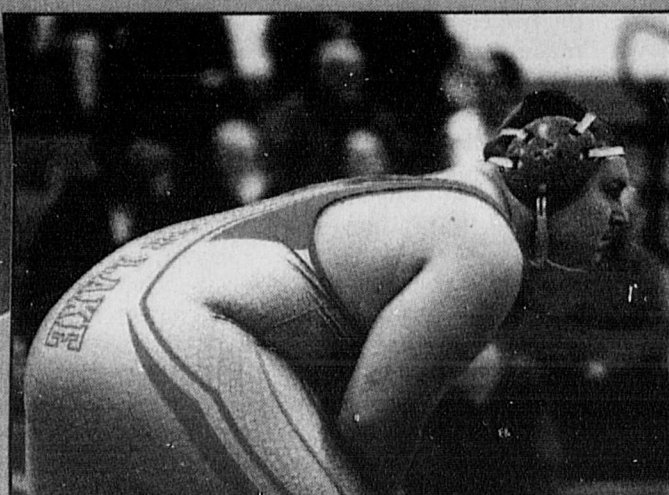
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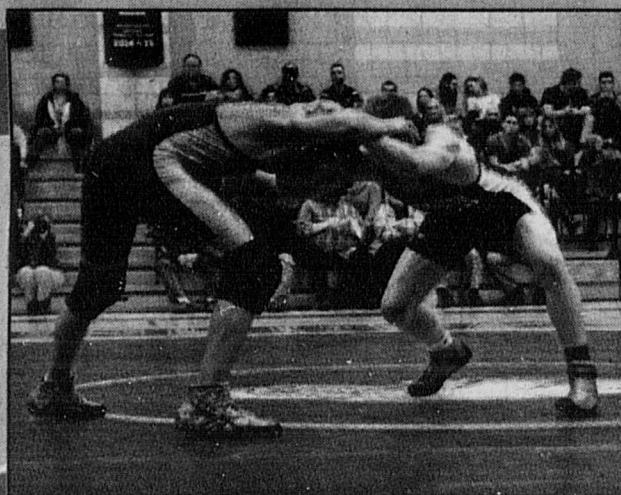
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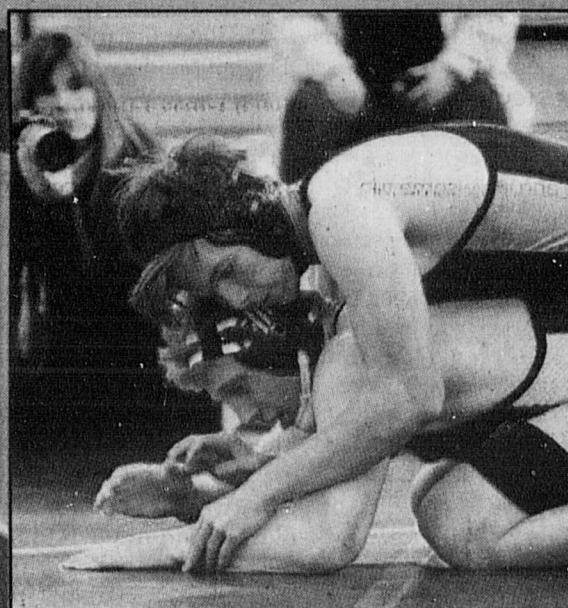
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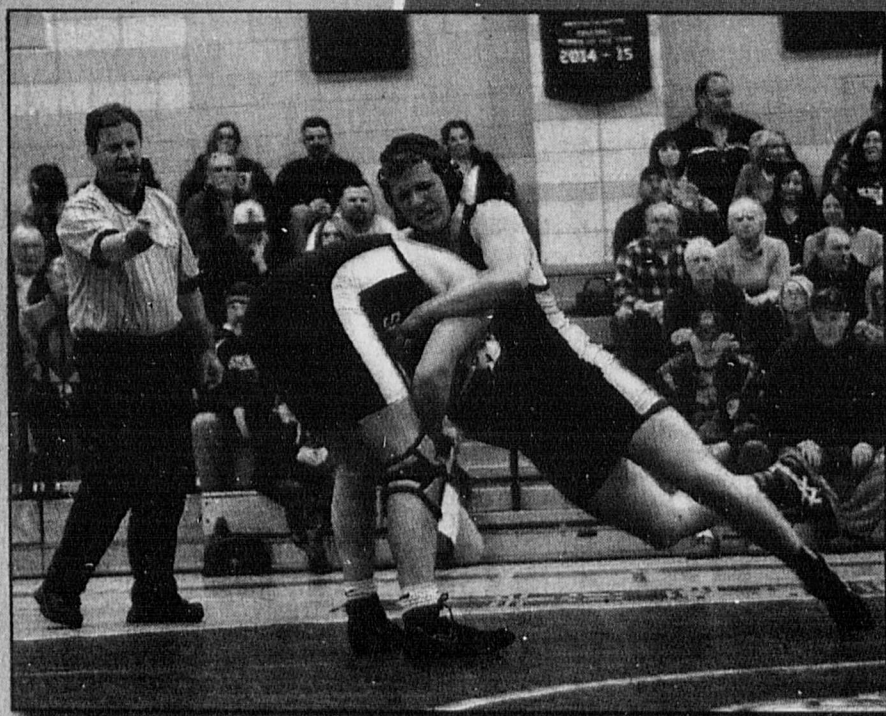
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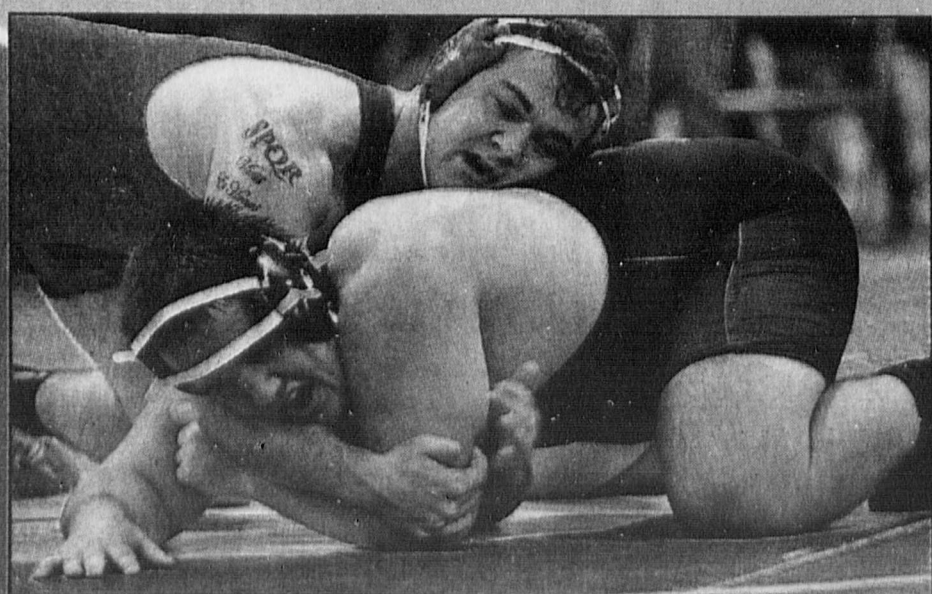
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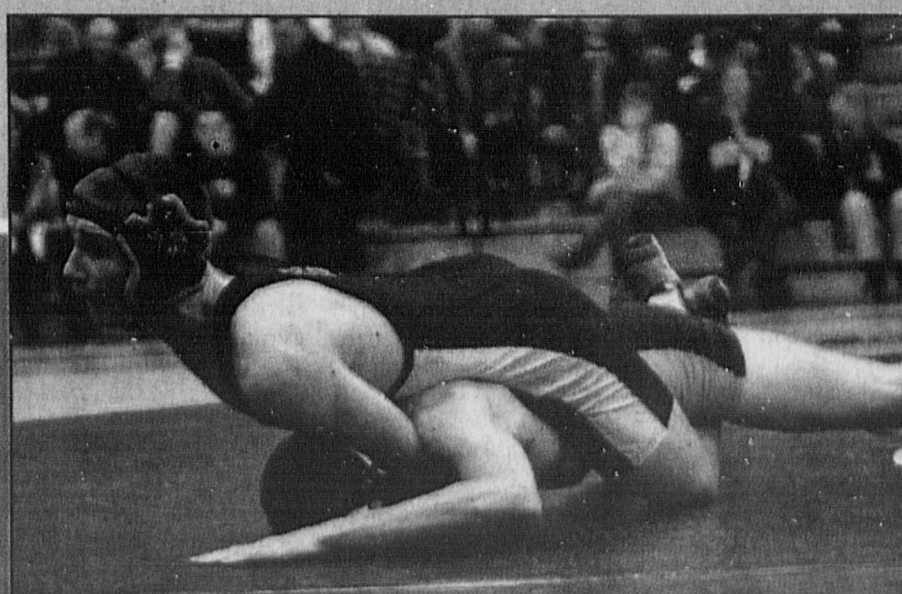
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BASEBALL

Spring Tuneup camps

The Cohasset High School varsity and junior varsity baseball teams will host a Spring Tuneup Baseball Camp for baseball players in the National and American Leagues, Major League and Junior League, Grades 1 and up on Wednesday May 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

It is an early release day.

Registration is at 2 p.m. and camp begins at 2:30 p.m. sharp and will run until 4 p.m.

Space is limited. To reserve a spot, please email Roberta Kierce (rekierce@yahoo.com) the name and grade of the camper.

The camps will be held at the Barnes Baseball Complex.

The cost \$30 per clinic. All funds will help support the Cohasset High School Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball Programs.

The camp will run in the following format, organized into groups by age.

Each group will report to a designated field and will rotate to different stations.

Please bring a labeled glove and bat.

Come on down to Barnes to sharpen your skills and have some fun.

Activities include: calisthenics/stretching, warmup throwing, infielder drills, outfielder drills, infielder batting practice, baserunning instruction.

YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING

Registration

SciCoh Football and Cheerleading registration is now open for the 2016 season.

Players must be 7 years old by Sept. 1, 2016 in order to play.

Players also cannot turn age 15 prior to Nov. 15, 2016. Register at <https://reg.sportspilot.com/105547>

Football:

Early Registration March 15-April 15 Regular Registration March 16-April 15

Late Registration June 16-July 31

Cheer:

Early Registration March 15- April 15

Regular Registration April 16-May 15

Late Registration May 16-June 30

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Opening Day Parade

The CYBSA opening day parade will be held Saturday April 30 at 8 a.m. The parade will start at the common and continue down the Main Street to the Barnes complex baseball fields. The Deer Hill marching band along with Cohasset's finest will accompany all the players. Come out and enjoy a great family event.

GIRLS LACROSSE

No time wasted

Laxwomen beat Hull 15-1 in opener

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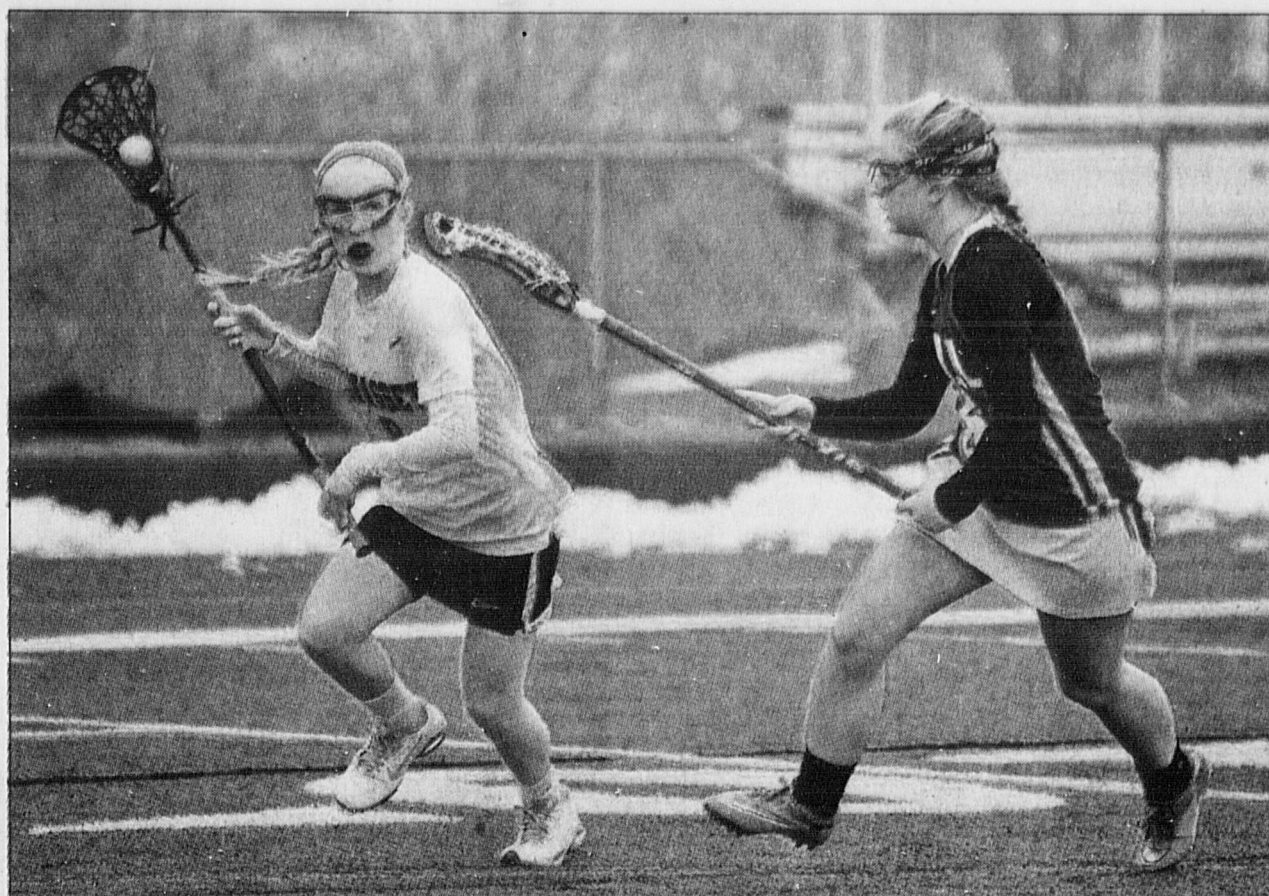
The Cohasset girls lacrosse team didn't need much time to take control of its season opener against Hull, Wednesday April 6 at Cohasset High School.

The Skippers jumped all over Hull on the way to a 12-0 halftime lead that could have been much worse had they wanted it.

In the end, Cohasset notched a 15-1 victory.

The Skippers actually led 12-0

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Cohasset's Bennett Tierney turns a corner during Cohasset's 15-1 win over Hull. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

BOYS TENNIS

One game at a time

Boys tennis focusing on here and now this season

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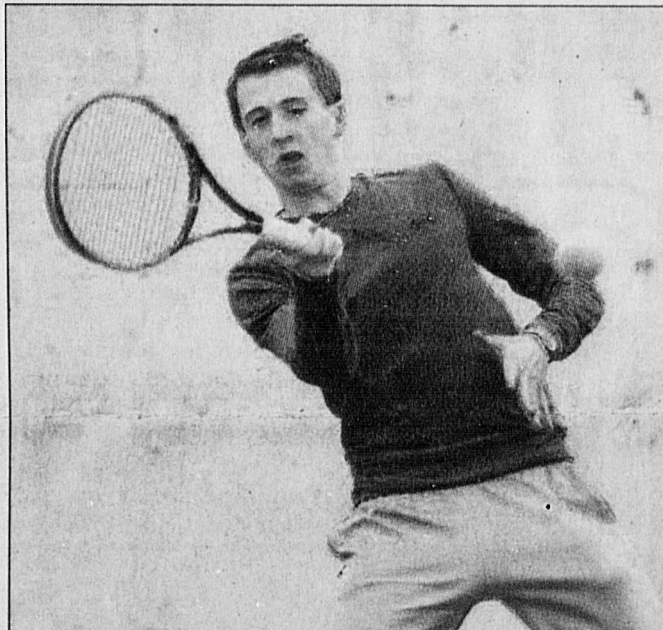
One game at a time. That's the plan for the Cohasset boys tennis team this season.

With a new look at the top of the lineup due to graduation, a big turnout of new players and an early exit from the MIAA Tournament last year, Cohasset coach Chris Luvisi doesn't want to let his team get too far ahead of itself, although he feels the overall outlook is good.

"We have 28 kids in the program," Luvisi said. "We have some kids who are brand new to the sport, some kids who play for hobby, and some kids who are serious competitors for varsity. We have a few elite players and one who plays USTA."

Freshman Mity Hill is the player Luvisi was talking about who plays USTA.

Hill, has older brothers who have played on the Cohasset varsity and his dad Brian coached the team a few years back. In January, Hill made it to



Cohasset freshman Mity Hill will compete for the No. 2 singles position this season. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

the consolation round in in the US Court Tennis Association sanctioned Wharton Cup held at the Tennis and Racquet Club in Boston and beat the top ranked USCTA junior in the quarterfinal. He is one of the top ranked juniors in the USCTA.

"Mity is a freshman and a terrific singles player,"

Luvisi said. "He's going to be challenging for first singles. Jackson Dutton is a senior captain and he's competing with Mity for first singles."

Getting Hill fills a void left with the graduation of Miles Morin, who was a staple at the top of the

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TRACK AND FIELD

Final chapter begins.

By William Wassersug
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Cohasset senior Mimi Waters has had a more than impressive athletic career, a career where she has starred in very different sports.

During the winter, Waters was on the gymnastics team. She played field hockey on the Skippers best team ever in the fall and has a state championship in the high jump on her resume as a member of the track and field team.

As she heads into her final season with the track and field team, Waters a two-year captain, is hoping to catch a little more magic. "I won States in my sophomore year (a 5'2" jump) and was third in the high jump last year," Waters said after finishing

Cohasset's Mimi Waters eyes record book

up a workout on the jump rope at a practice this week. "I'm one inch away from the school record. I'm hoping to break that. We'll see what happens."

She has been a Super-teamer and a Cohasset Mariner Athlete of the Month, and is in the school record books in the Top-15 in seven events.

She plans to run the hurdles, triple jump and high jump this year.

As for some magic in other sports, Waters finished second on the beam in the Cranberry League Championship Meet in February, helping her team to the title. She was also a two-year captain with the gymnastics team.

On her 18th birthday in

October, she scored two goals in a 6-0 win over Carver and was a South Shore League All-Star.

The field hockey team made it to the MIAA Division 2 South Sectional Final where they lost 1-0 in overtime to Hanover. The team finished the regular season undefeated and ended up 18-1-3.

"I love field hockey and track," Waters said. "I think we'll be pretty good this year. We have a lot of good girls in the distances. The boys are looking pretty good too. We have a new coach from Hull this year (Pat Norton). The team is responding pretty well."

Last year, Cohasset/Hull

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Laxmen net split

Rest of sports world still on hold

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset boys lacrosse team was one of the few teams in Cohasset that was actually able to open its season on time.

The Skippers opened with a tough 10-9 overtime loss to Newton North March 31, and followed with a 13-3 win over Rockland April 2.

Cohasset trailed 8-5 in the fourth quarter to force the overtime in the opener.

Will Thomas scored the tying goal for Cohasset in the final two minutes of regulation, and goalie Jack

Osten had some big saves for the Skippers. Thomas had a pair in the game.

Danny Axelson scored four goals for Cohasset, and Jack Donohue had a big goal at the time.

In the Rockland win, every player on the roster got into the game and the Skippers got goals from 11 different players on a rainy Saturday.

Every goal had an assist and Cohasset led 12-0 at halftime.

The Skippers did have an April 5 game against Foxboro postponed

SEE ROUNDUP, B2

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

The Cohasset Basketball Team

"Terrific season. I'm very pleased with my players and the support from the community."
 Cohasset coach Bo Ruggiero



The Cohasset basketball team

The Skippers, with what was an inexperienced and unproven team as the season began, came into the MIAA Division 4 South Sectional with a No. 13 seed and upset No. 1 St. John Paul II, No. 4 Bishop Connolly and No. 12 West Bridgewater all on the road on the way to the Sectional Final game, where they lost to No. 2 Cathedral. It was an amazing run for the boys.

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HOCKEY

Playoff positioning underway

South Coastal Hockey League roundup through April 3

By Mark Ducharme
Correspondent

Playoff positioning is taking place in the Winter Season for the South Coastal Hockey League.

The Sharks got a goal from Marshfield's Tim Cruz with 27 seconds to go in overtime to pull out a 2-1 win over the Whalers to clinch a playoff spot.

Tim Fallon scored in regulation for the Sharks and Scituate's Rich Hall scored for the Whalers, who need to get a point in next week's game with the Saints to clinch the

final playoff spot. Whaler goalie Joe Aliberti had 24 stops in the game including some spectacular ones in the third period.

The Stingers kept their playoff hopes alive as Marshfield's Richard Petrosino scored a goal and assisted on two others in their 6-4 win over the Crusaders. Norwell's Joe Murray, John Scag, Scott Kelly of Pembroke, John Dunn and Jim Callahan added a goal each for the Stingers, who need to defeat the Sharks and have the Whalers lost to the Saints to get the final

playoff spot.

Mike Evans of Pembroke scored a goal and set up three others to lead the Crusaders. Chris Harrington also of Marshfield scored two goals and an assist and Mike Simon scored a goal.

The Saints got a goal and an assist from Jim McNeill as they upset the first-place Toros, 4-2. Marshfield's Steve Quinn, Jim Ford and Mike Ryan added a goal each for the Saints.

Michael Cashin and Paul Brinkman scored a goal each for the Toros.

BASEBALL

Hull to honor Kevin Greer

Pirates to host ceremony at annual Brian F O'Donnell Tournament

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Hull baseball will remember former Scituate baseball coach Kevin Greer with a ceremony April 16 after the opening game of the 18th Annual Brian F O'Donnell Mem. High School Baseball Tournament at Hull's L Street Field.

The ceremony will honor Greer and his family.

The opening game starts at 10 a.m. and features Pembroke playing Marshfield, with Hull and East

Bridgewater playing at 12:30.

Greer, who passed away in January, was an assistant coach at Marshfield the past few seasons, was a P.E. teacher at Jenkins School and had been a long-time varsity head coach at Scituate.

The Tournament MVP plaque will be named for Greer and there will be tournament shirts recognizing him sold both Saturday and Monday April 18 in the second round.

Tournament Shirts will be sold both day: 1 for \$10, 3

for \$20, with all proceeds going to Hull High School Baseball Alumni.

Greer played high school ball at Hull with Mike O'Donnell.

The Tournament is named for Mike O'Donnell's dad Brian, who died in 1997. Greer's Sailor team was the first team invited to play that year and he accepted quickly.

Scituate played in the tournament while Greer was there, and his Marshfield team is a participant now.

Greer's brother Ken is a longtime Cohasset resident.

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was undefeated and won the league.

Like just about everyone this season, the season-opener didn't go as planned - in other words it was snowed out.

The team is scheduled to host a tri-meet with Mashpee and Norwell April 11.

Next fall, Waters will start a new adventure as she heads to South Carolina's Clemson University for college.

"I'm excited," she said about going to Clemson. "I girl on my street went there and she loves it. I'm not sure what I'll major in, maybe something in business."

As for sports, Waters isn't sure, but is thinking about playing field hockey. Clemson has a competitive club team.



Cohasset senior captain Mimi Waters jumps rope during the indoor part of a practice April 6 at Cohasset High School.

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TENNIS

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lineup the last few years.

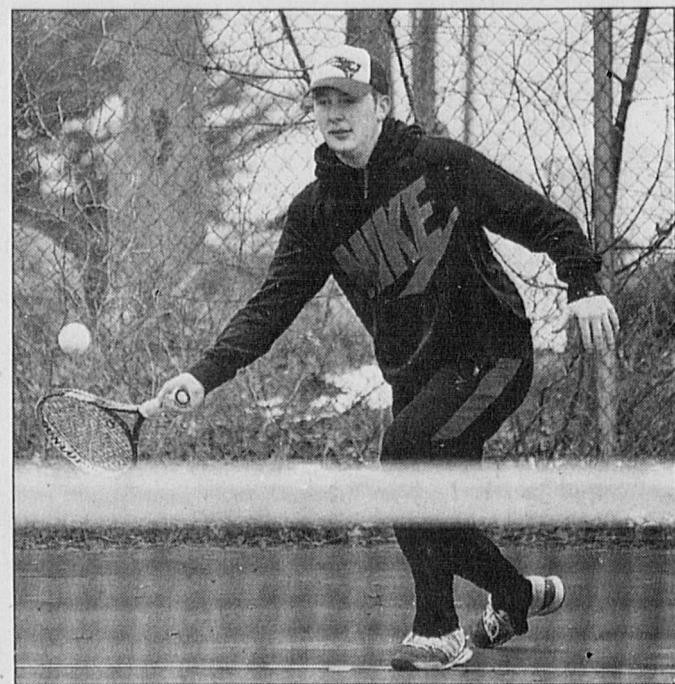
Miles was terrific," Luvisi said. "He was one of the top players to come through the program. He's playing squash now at Connecticut now. It was perfect timing for us. Exit Miles, enter Mity."

"Sam Pitts is a senior captain," Luvisi said. "He's at third singles. Sam is a very good player. The fact that a Sam Pitts could be playing third singles bodes very well for us. On a lot of teams he's playing first singles."

Beyond that, the Skippers have an experienced group in doubles.

"We have our first doubles pairing of juniors Jack Speer and Drew Skolnick," Luvisi said. "They're looking good. They just played a challenge match to beat our second doubles pairing of Jack Coffman and Sam Greenip. Because we have so many kids on the bench, we have six or seven kids who can legitimately challenge for a varsity spot. That's going to keep everybody on their toes this year. Good competition."

Cohasset had an outstanding team last year, but when it came to tournament



Cohasset's Sam Greenip. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

time, the seeding was not kind, placing them in the same bracket as powerhouse, Martha's Vineyard.

Two years ago, Morin went undefeated in the South Shore League, and the Skippers won the Division 3 South Sectional title before falling in the State Semifinal.

Last year the Skippers beat Old Colony 5-0 in the tournament opener, but came up against Martha's Vineyard in the quarterfinal, where they were knocked out.

Luvisi said last year's tournament result is a reminder that nothing comes easily.

"Last year we didn't have great success in the tournament," he said. "We lost to Martha's Vineyard in the quarterfinals. It seems that to win the section you have to go through the Vineyard. Two years ago we beat them. Last year they beat us. It's never easy. They have

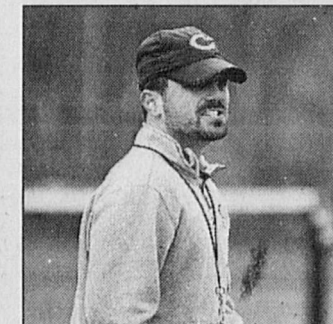
an amazing program. This group has great ability, but we learned from last year to not set overly ambitious goals. We want to focus on the now and win one game at a time. That's going to be our approach this season."

The season was supposed to have started, but with the weather, the season opener against Bridgewater-Raynham was postponed.

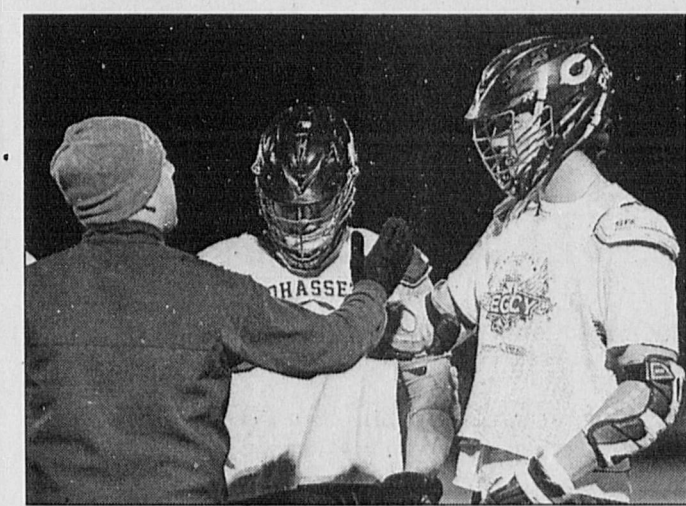
Cohasset was scheduled to host Carver Thursday April 7 (result unavailable at press time).

"Our matches have been in flux due to the weather, but we have a great matchup against Scituate Tuesday (April 12) at 4 (p.m.). Scituate is always a great match. They have a great program. A lot of the kids know each other from playing together. It's one of my favorites. It'll be a really good test."

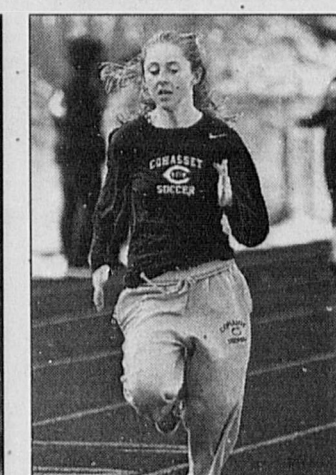
After that, Cohasset has a scheduled match at Monomoy April 14 at 4 p.m.



Cohasset boys tennis coach Chris Luvisi gives some late instruction at a recent practice.



Cohasset's Dan Axelson and Will Thomas have a word with coach James Beaudoin at a recent practice. Axelson had four goals in an opening-season loss to Newton North and Thomas had a couple as well.



Cohasset's Sam Naples runs on the Cohasset track at a recent practice. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

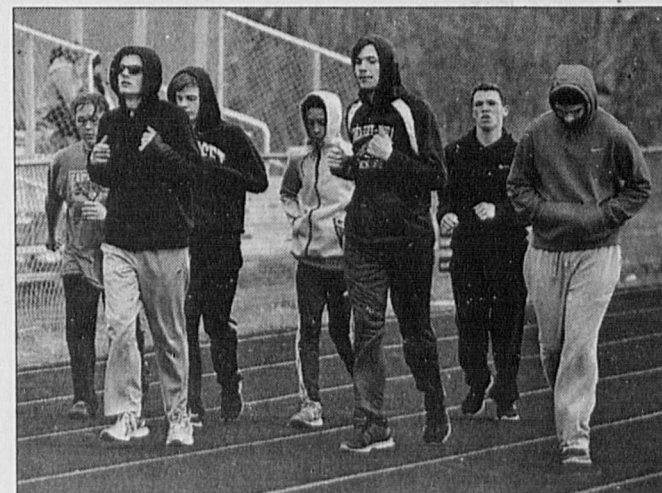
ROUNDUP

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however, with the makeup set for May 9 at 4 p.m.

The baseball team and softball team also had games postponed, as the season opener with Norwell couldn't go for the baseball team and softball's opener with North Quincy was also postponed.

When they do get underway, the baseball team is expected to be strong, led by outfielder Alex Norton, Xander Schubert and Michael Cohen on the mound and Nick Hall at third base. Schubert and Cohen both pitched well in an intrasquad scrimmage late last week. Likewise, the girls tennis team was still waiting to play as of press-time, as they begin a new season without superstar Emma Davis, but with



Members of the Cohasset/Hull track and field team take some slow laps during practice earlier this week. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

a deep and solid squad that is expected to be very good once again.

The girls golf team has had a pair of matches postponed already, with matches against Wellesley and Notre Dame Academy shelved.

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said the team is looking good and ready to play.

The track and field team's opener against Monomoy was postponed as well, with that meet rescheduled for Friday April 29.

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within the first 10 minutes, then slowed the pace and emptied the bench.

"Time to get creative," Cohasset coach Kully Reardon said just before the half, looking for ways to keep her team engaged without embarrassing an opponent that was simply overmatched.

"Aidan Chamberlain did a great job with eight draw controls," Reardon said. "Marina Longo and Jane Hansen each had a couple of scores."

The game was rescheduled from a day earlier.

Things look to get tougher soon with games against Notre Dame Academy, Rockland, Mashpee, Winchester, Wellesley, Walpole and Norwell coming up next.

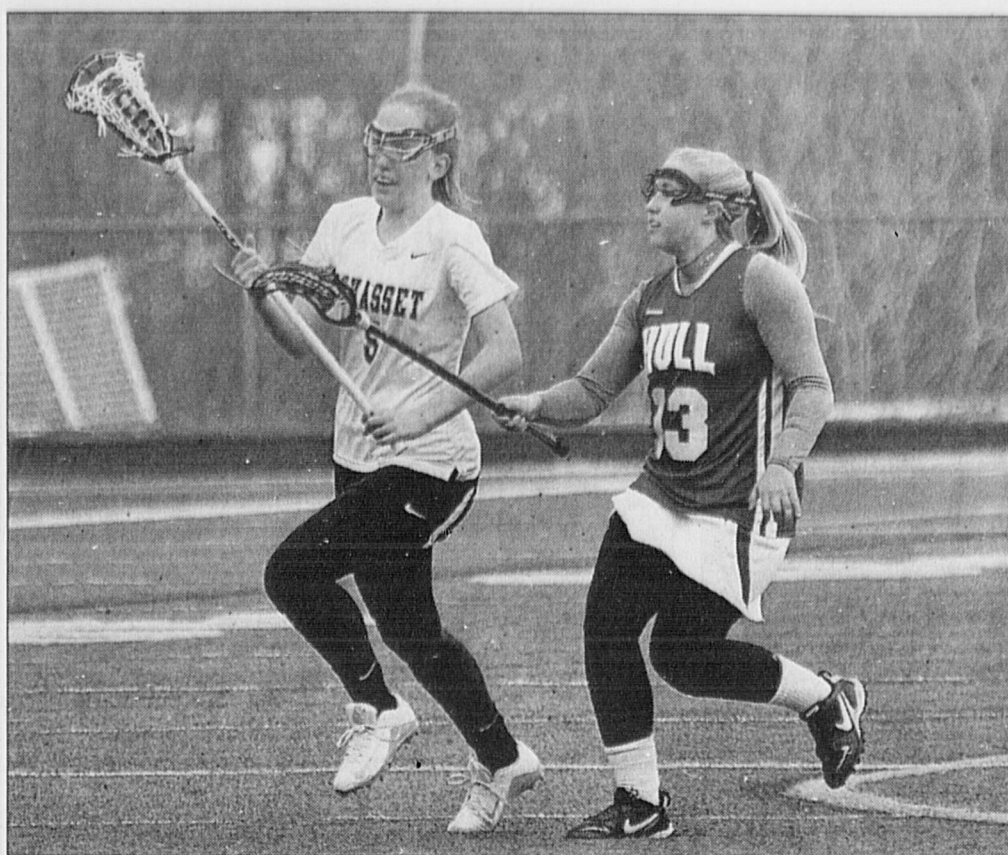
Cohasset was scheduled to face NDA April 7 (result unavailable at press time) and Rockland April 8 at 4 p.m.

Mashpee visits Wednesday April 13 at 4 p.m.

The girls have lots of talent back from last year's 15-4 team that made it to the MIAA Division 2 South Sectional Final last season.

Returning players include senior co-captains Corey Gloden and Kyle Burke. Burke is a top defender. Offensively, Cohasset has a number of stars to count on including Caelin McDonald and Ally Leahy. Callie O'Neill and Madigan O'Neill also return and Shea Kearney is back in net.

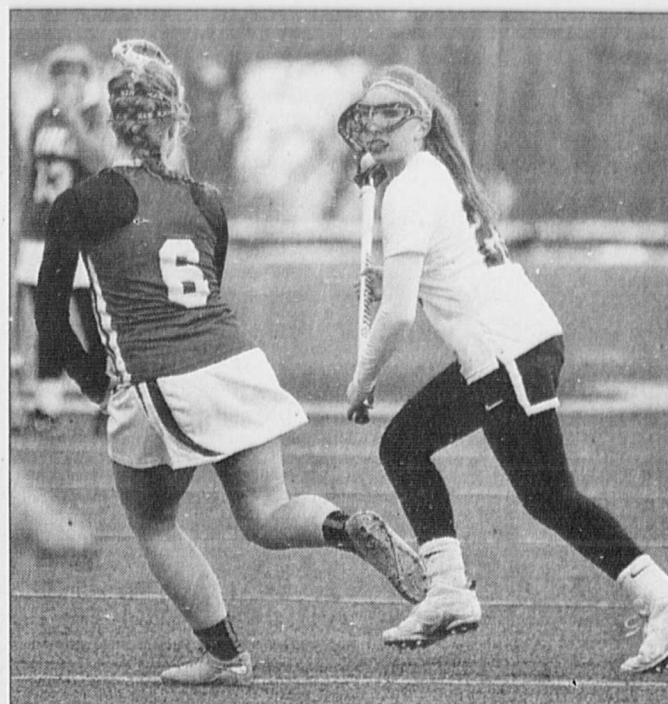
To prepare for the season, Cohasset had a scrimmage with The Hill Academy of Ontario Canada. That ended with an 8-8 tie.



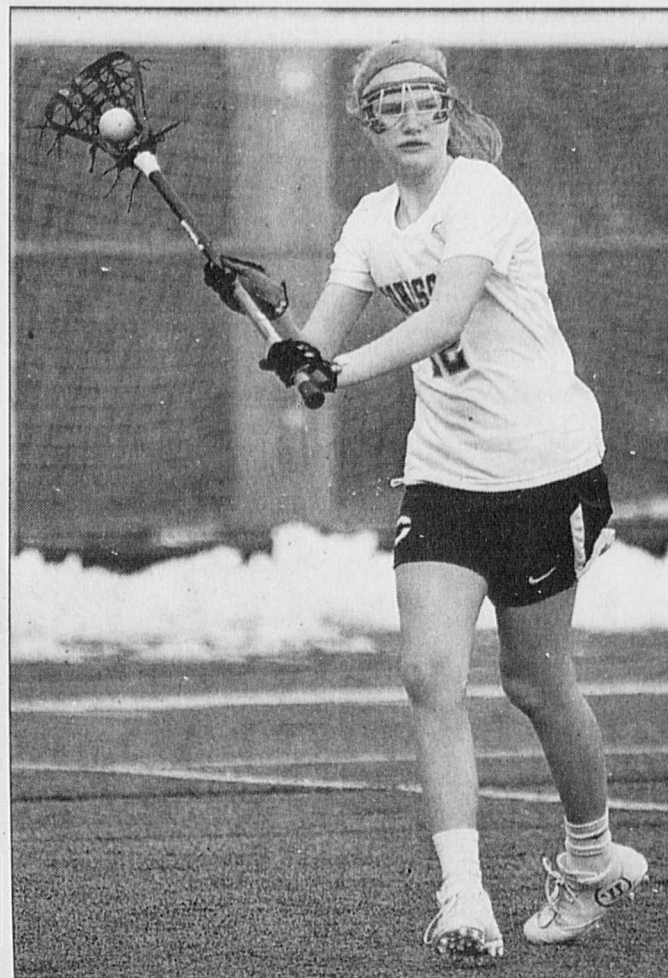
Cohasset's Zoe Doherty brings the ball up against Hull April 6 at Cohasset High School. Cohasset won 15-1. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



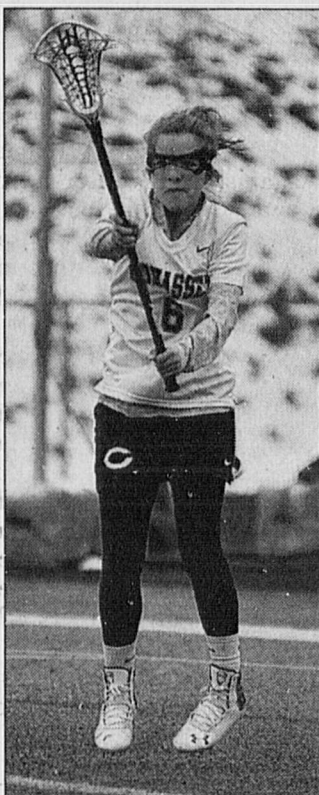
Cohasset girls lacrosse coach Kully Reardon talks to a couple of team members during the first half of the Skippers' 15-1 win over Hull April 6 at Cohasset High School.



Cohasset's Aidan Chamberlain looks toward the goal against Hull.



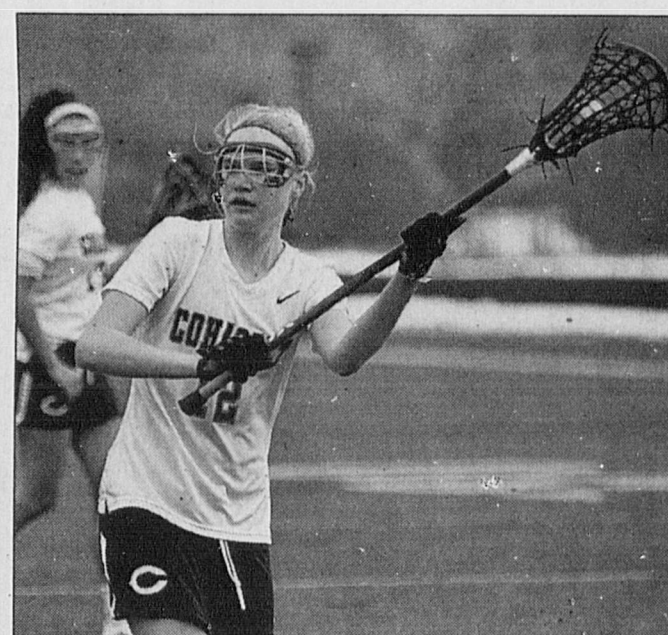
Cohasset's Kate Quigley.



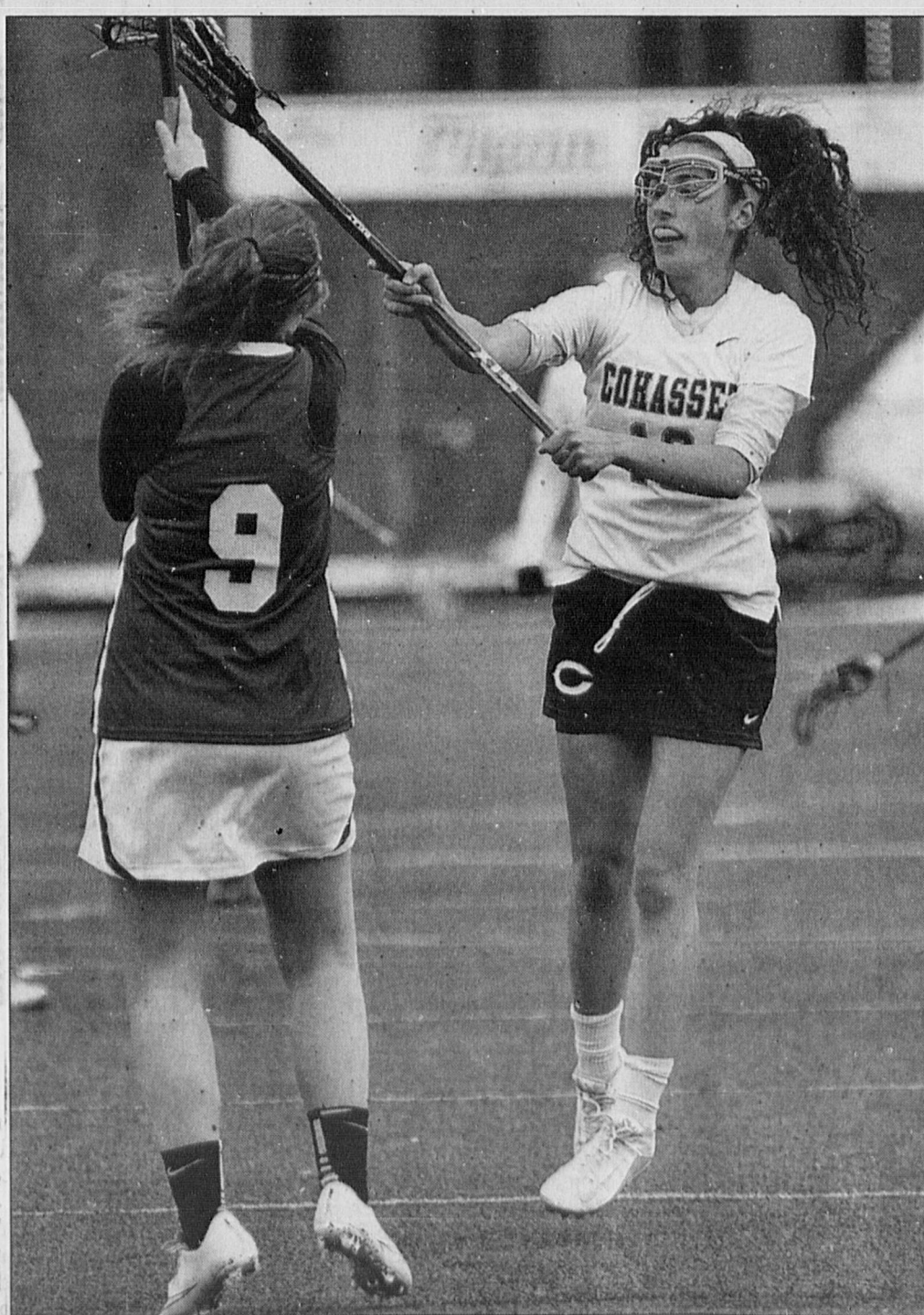
Julia Placek.



Cohasset's Julia Placek looks to pass the ball out against Hull. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Kate Quigley looks for the pass during Cohasset's 15-1 win over Hull April 6.



Cohasset's Caelin McDonald takes a shot during a 15-1 win over Hull April 6. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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KEY CAMP SEARCH QUESTIONS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED TO ASK

By Lucy Norvell, Director of Development & Communication, American Camp Association, New England

Are there deal-breaking parameters for our family's camp search? What is non-negotiable for us? Session length, location, and activities are often non-negotiable. Can you be flexible about number of weeks? Location – a camp that must be in a certain state or within a certain zip code? Activities – horseback riding, Lacrosse, theatre or other activities that are the child's favorite? Every parameter cannot be a deal breaker, but be honest about the aspects of the search that are not flexible for your family.

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2. How do I uncover a full range of camp options that might suit my child's current needs and interests? Visit acanewengland.org and click on the Find A Camp Tool to explore options. Word of Mouth is a great way to add additional options. Ask people whose children share interests with yours. Ask community people who know your child, coaches and staff of extracurricular activities or after school programs.

3. What educational philosophy will best match my child's temperament and compliment their current school experience? What values are important to you in terms of how the camp runs its program and trains its staff? Do you want a camp that emphasizes structure and

responsibility? One that emphasizes free play and choice? How do the camps you are considering build community and encourage independence?

4. What is my budget for camp? There's a camp out there for everyone! Some camps offer financial assistance. Financial aid procedures vary from camp to camp, so don't be afraid to ask questions. Read camp brochures and websites carefully for information and application instructions.

5. How is the programming at this camp designed to grow with my child over the years? On average, what percentage of campers return for a second year? A fifth year? Yes, you're looking for camp for THIS

coming summer, but camps design programming so children can return in future summers since some of the leadership and other skills are not instantly acquired, but gained over the course of a few summers.

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Siddharth Yarlagadda of Harvard University, Laura Boer of Hingham, Shawn Burns of Marshfield, and Sam Quinn of Cohasset head down Jerusalem Road.



Corey Farrell of South Boston stretches out before the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea as other runners walk past in the community center on Sunday.



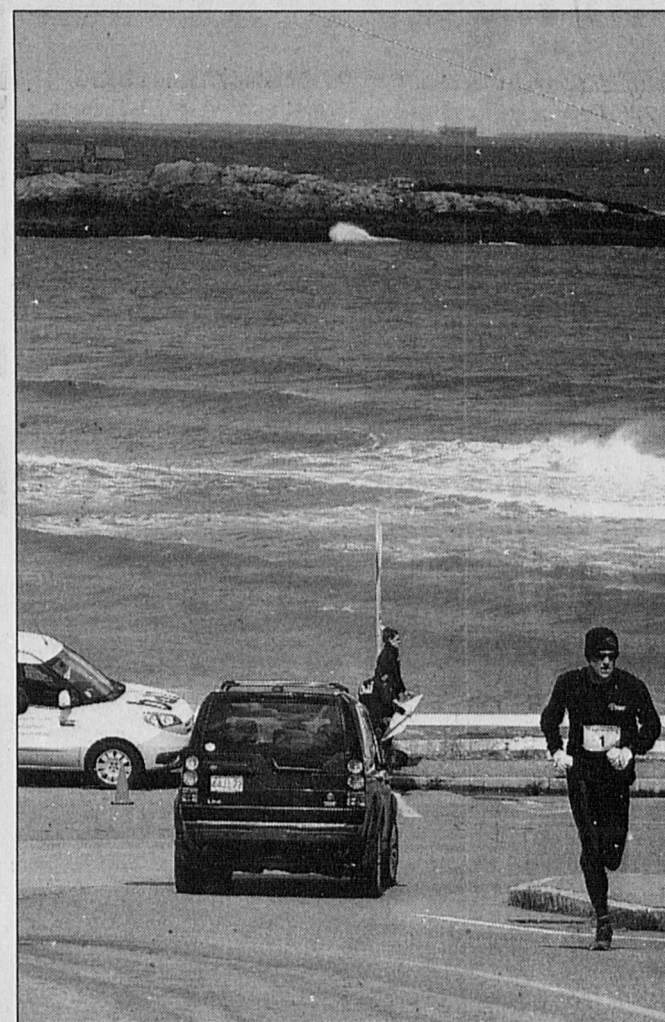
A sea of runners flows past St. Stephen's church at the start of the Road Race by the Sea 10K.



Steven McDougall, 11, sprints to the finish line to finish first in his age group with a time of 50:17.



Jared Krupczak of Cohasset celebrates after crossing the finish line with a time of 39:44.



Dan Vassallo of Peabody turns onto Forest Avenue on his way to finishing the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea 10K first overall with a time of 33:04.



Above: Joe Armstrong sports a warm hat for the elements while playing music with his brother, Jim Armstrong and Bill Holbrook.

Left: Mark Maggi of Cohasset strides towards the finish line with a time of 38:47.

APPLAUSE

New chamber director named

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce announced that Valerie King, of Scituate, owner of King Jewelers Inc. in Cohasset, has been named to the chamber's board of directors.

In addition to her position on the chamber's board of directors, King is chairman of the ATHENA PowerLink Governing Body, sits on the Steering Committee of the South Shore Chamber's Women's Business Connection and is a member of the Advisory Board of the South Shore Art Center.

She is also a member of Dynamic Divas, a program that educates, encourages and empowers women business owners and women in business.

"What a pleasure to announce Valerie as a member of our board. Her commitment to the growth and prosperity of the South Shore region is unmistakable; we are certain that her contributions to the board of directors will be valuable," said Peter Forman, president and CEO of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.



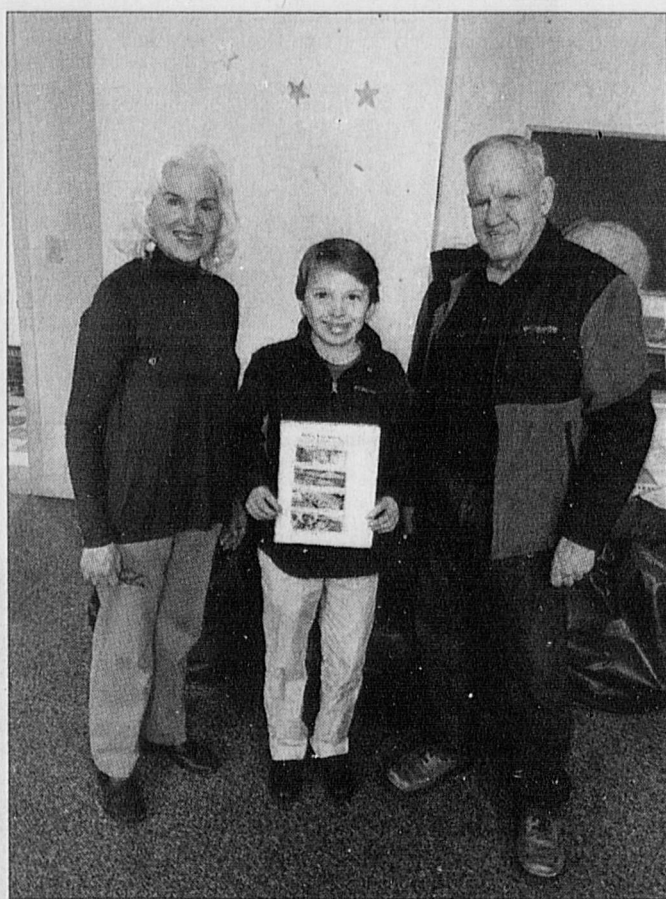
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ST. STEPHEN'S

Growing awareness of climate change

In January, St. Stephen's youth group, Christ in Action (CIA) began an 8-week study called Creation Care. The study touched on the religious roots of environmental stewardship, the growing awareness of climate change, and finally, what we can do to minimize its threat to our planet.

Cohasset resident Merle Brown, founder of South Shore Recycling Cooperative, visited the group recently to talk about what is being accomplished locally through the South Shore Recycling Cooperative.



From left, Mimi Svenning, Nathan Charron, and Merle Brown. COURTESY PHOTO

DON'T MISS THIS

Holly Hill activities

Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road; 781-383-6565; hollyhillfarm.org.

SUMMER CAMP 2016: The farm has a wide variety of fun, exploratory, creative, intriguing programs for all ages. Kids ages 3 and 4 can taste spinach. Children ages 7 and 8 can spend a morning at the marsh. Preteens ages 9 and 10 can compete in an obstacle course. Teenagers can prepare for an exciting overnight at the Farm. Adults can spend a week honing gardening skills and cooking vegetables for a special Parents Go to Camp, Too program.

SPRING FARM TO FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM AT HOLLY HILL FARM: 10 a.m. to noon, every Friday and Saturday until mid June. This community service program for teenagers aged 13-18, founded in 2012, was established to grow organic vegetables to donate to local food pantries during the growing season. Spring program has begun but new participants are welcome. Program runs every Friday and Saturday until mid June when additional summer hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Contact Education Director, Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com. Complete community service requirements this spring and summer at Holly Hill Farm, growing, harvesting and delivering produce to local food pantries.

COMPOSTING, TRANS-PLANTING: 9 a.m. to noon April 16. Composting workshop, held from 9 to 10 a.m., will teach participants how to turn kitchen vegetable scraps and garden cuttings into "black gold", an essential component of every successful, organically grown garden. Compost Workshop: \$6/members, \$8/nonmembers (Sign up for both workshops and SAVE! \$15/members, \$20/nonmembers. In our transplanting workshop, held from 10 a.m. to noon, attendees will learn in this hands-on class how to "pot up" seedlings of lettuce and other seasonal crops. Participants will have a chance to take transplants home for their gardens. Transplanting Workshop: \$12/members, \$15/nonmembers. (Sign up for both workshops and SAVE! \$15/member, \$20/nonmembers. Farmstand will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

APRIL VACATION FUN: 9 a.m. to noon, April 19-21. Ages 5-10. Each day, attendees will explore a different aspect of the farm. Tuesday, guests will observe, make and take home some rich compost. Wednesday, they will head to the woods and trails for an exploratory hike to look for signs of ephemeral growth. Thursday, they will sow seeds, transplant seedlings and care for perennial favorites in the Education Garden. Each day, attendees will greet and check in on farm animals. Come for one or all days. Cost is \$45 per day or \$135 for all three days for members. Cost for nonmembers is \$50 per day or \$150 for all three days. Registration required. In the event of underenrollment, the Farm reserves the right to cancel with full refund. Call or email: 781-383-6565 or friends@hollyhillfarm@gmail.com.

EARLY PLANT SALE: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 23. Open to all, Holly Hill Farm will have strong, healthy seedlings, ready to plant. Featuring only the crops ready for the cool weather days of April and early May such as broccoli, kale, leeks, onions, scallions, Swiss chard, lettuce, cauliflower, snow and sugar snap peas plus Sweet Alyssum and edible Johnny Jump-Up flowers. Farmstand will also be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BROWN BOAR FARM DELIVERY: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 23. Brown Boar will deliver pre-ordered pork products to the farm and will cook their freshly grilled sausages.

THINK SPRING! 1 to 3 p.m. May 1. Join the farm for its annual celebration for the members of the Friends of Holly Hill Farm! Be the guest for an afternoon of community, good food, an exploratory walk, fun with the farm animals, possible hayride and music. Residents who aren't members are invited to come and see what Holly Hill Farm has to offer.

MIGRATING SONGBIRD WALK WITH SALLY AVERY: 8 to 10 a.m. May 7. Residents are invited to join local birding expert and enthusiast Sally Avery for Spring Birding in the woods and trails at Holly Hill Farm. Avery has led numerous tours for Mass Audubon, as well as for the Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Bring good walking shoes. Registration is encouraged. This walk will go on rain or shine, unless heavy rainfall.

DON'T MISS THIS

Poetry Month in Cohasset

Poet Laureate coming to town

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and the Cohasset Middle High School are teaming up for an inspiring collection of events to observe Poetry Month during the week of Sunday April 24. At 4pm that afternoon, Boston's reigning Poet Laureate, Danielle Legros Georges, along with poet Annie Pluto, will be featured at the Sunday Authors Talk, reading and discussing their work.

Legros Georges, named Boston's Poet Laureate in December 2014, is a professor in the Creative Arts and Learning Division at Lesley University. She describes her poetry as tackling a wide range of themes and asking philosophical questions that can lead to conversations about larger issues. Her work has been published in Agni, The Boston Globe, Transition, World Literature Today, Spoke, sx salon, The Caribbean Writer, Callaloo, Ibbetson Street, Salamander, Poesis, Black Renaissance Noire, Macomere, Consequence, The American Poetry Review and others. Her first collection of poems, Maroon is followed this year by a second book, The Dear Remote Nearness of You, due out this month from Barrow Street Press.

Anne Elezabeth Pluto studied Literature and Creative Writing at SUNY Buffalo with poets Robert

Creeley, John Logan, and Irving Feldman. She is Professor of Literature and Theatre at CLAS/Lesley University where she is the artistic director and one of the founding mothers of the Oxford Street Players. Her chapbook, The Frog Princess, was published by White Pine Press: Benign Protection, will be published next fall by Cervana Barva Press. A member of the Worcester Shakespeare Company Pluto will be directing As You Like It this summer.

On Wednesday April 27 at 6:30, poets from CMHS grades 6-12 will read from their own works, followed by readings by UMass Boston MFA candidates Elysia Smith, (back by popular demand after her reading at this event last year) and August Smith. E. Smith describes first writing poetry quite suddenly, in the middle of the night, when she was in the 6th grade. Her poetry can be found in Split Lip, Pank, 90's Meg Ryan, Tulip, Write on the Dot, and others. A. Smith runs a small independent press called Cool Skull Press and he publishes poetry related to video games and digital art.

Throughout the week of April 24-30 all citizens of Cohasset are invited to participate in a town wide Poem in Your Pocket event. Everyone is asked

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to keep a copy of a poem with them all week, and to share it, whenever they like. Local merchants who will keep buckets of poems available for those who need one include Bloom, Darlynn's, A Taste for Wine & Spirits, Ports, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank (both branches) Buttonwood Books and Toys, Outside In and more. There may even be a bucket at your Sunday after-church-service coffee hour.

Throughout the week of celebrating poets and poetry, Paul Pratt Memorial Library will feature Walls of Poems. Young Adult Librarian Mrs. Lengyel is working with CMHS English teacher Catherine Duggan to curate and display on the walls of the town library the best of student poetry, available for all library patrons to enjoy.

So mark your calendars, consider which might be a favorite poem for your pocket, and join in on our town's appreciation for the art of poetry.

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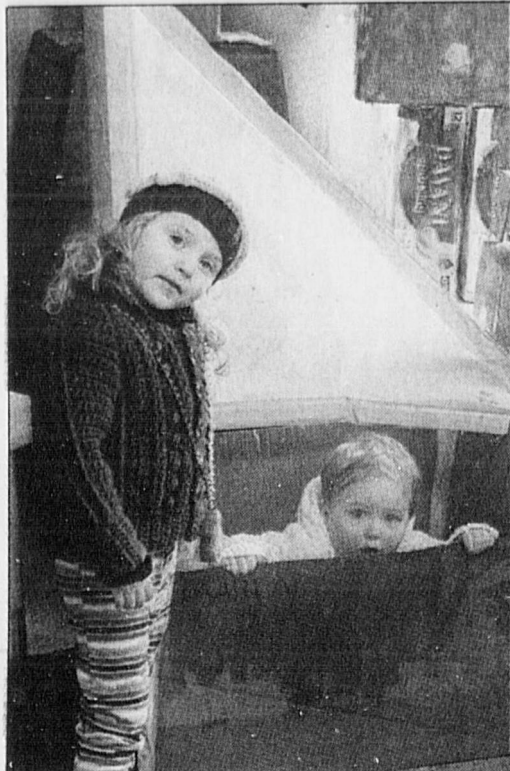
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ART

Young artists' exhibit

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School hosted its Annual Art Show on March 20th. This year's theme was "Hey Diddle, Diddle... Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales"

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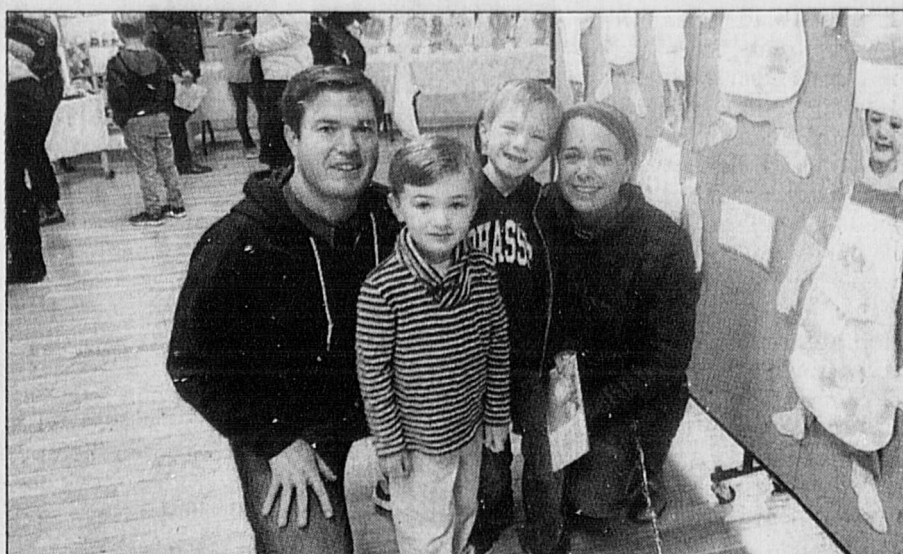
Jillian & Gavin Gallagher in a Boat Box.



The Cow Jumped Over the Moon.



Noah & Sarah Stuart, Madeleine, Felix and Benjamin.



Pat, Henry, Charlie and Katie Leahy.

SAVE THE DATES

Arts Festival returns in June

The South Shore Art Center will host its 61st annual Arts Festival from June 17 to 19 at the Cohasset Common in the center of town, off Main Street and Highland Avenue.

For over 60 years, Cohasset's historic town common has been the site of South Shore Art Center's annual arts festival, attracting over

9,000 guests to the three-day festival. Held on Father's Day weekend, the festival will feature an eight-pole tent housing art exhibitions, over 90 exhibitor booths, food booths, and a performance stage on the New England Town Green.

The centerpiece of the Arts Festival is the Juried Art

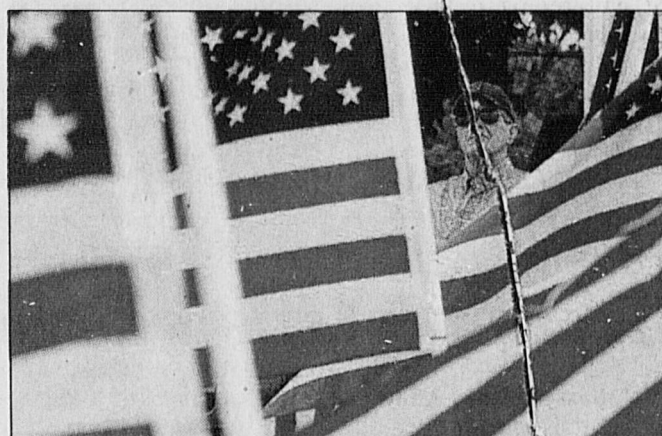
Exhibition and Members' Show housed in the main exhibition tent. Throughout the Common, juried craft exhibitor booths offer a wide variety of artist-designed items including jewelry, home and garden products, hand-made clothing, ceramics, fine art and photography. The Arts Festival

also includes a Young Artists' Exhibition and art-making activities throughout the weekend.

Musical entertainment ranges from jazz, to bluegrass and Americana. The event is free with a \$5 suggested donation.

For more information, visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

10TH ANNUAL



William Strachan is framed by a few of the 737 flags on display for the Healing Field in Cohasset last May. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Field of Honor to return in May

The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 118, will once again install the Field of Honor recognizing the veterans who have so valiantly served our country to protect and preserve our freedom.

Residents will experience this inspiring display of flags from May 21 to June 4. The Healing Field dedication will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 28.

\$30 individual flags may be sponsored in memory of family or friends. Checks should be made payable to the Sons of the American Legion Post 118 with a note on the memo line of the check indicating Field

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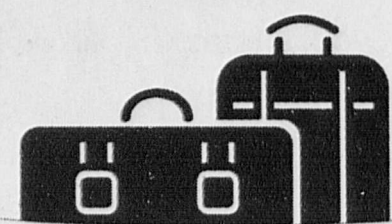
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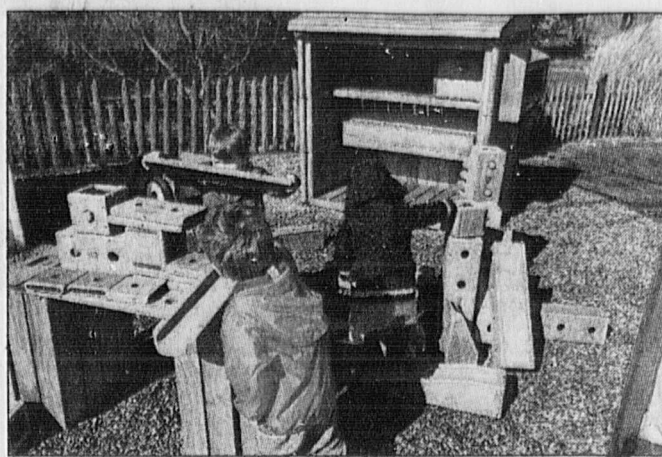
Sweet Relief Nursery and Preschool open house

Sweet Relief Nursery and Preschool will host an open house from 10 a.m. to noon April 9 at the school, 38 Summer St.

Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to receive information about the school and its curriculum, including a tour of the schoolhouse and an opportunity to meet with Sweet Relief staff and current Sweet Relief parents. Sweet Relief is a private early education learning center, licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and owned and operated by Lyn Previte. Previte has more than 20 years experience in early education, holds licenses in CPR and first aid, regularly attends educational courses in early childhood development and has studied American Sign Language.

Previte and her staff follow the Massachusetts Department of Education curriculum guidelines, and Sweet Relief's low student-to-teacher ratio (two teachers for each class and no more than 10 children per class) allows for the Sweet Relief staff to develop a specific teaching approach for each student that best matches the student's needs.

Sweet Relief programs last



Sweet Relief Nursery and Preschool will host an open house from 10 a.m. to noon April 9 at the school, 38 Summer St., Cohasset. COURTESY PHOTO

3.5 hours during a 10-month school year, allowing children time for open-ended play, academic challenges and growth. The morning Nursery Program, designed for children ages 20 months to 2.9 years, runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon Mondays through Fridays.

The day includes inside and outside play, snack, art mediums and lunch bunch. The afternoon Preschool Program, for children 2.9 years to 4 years, runs from noon to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Preschool Program includes the same structured events as the morning program, presented in a more challenging manner.

Sweet Relief's curriculum

also includes Enrichment Programs to offer students exposure to the arts, academics and physical health. These programs include music instruction, Handwriting Without Tears and yoga.

The school also has a licensed therapy dog on site with a second one in training. Both dogs are integrated into the classroom to bond with the children and serve as comforting, non-judgmental friends that children can talk and read to.

For more information regarding the open house, call the school at 781-383-9723, email sweetrelief143@aol.com, visit sweetreliefcohasset.com or like the school's Facebook page.

FISH

Transportation for local seniors

Cohasset Elder Affairs is delighted to announce that as of May 1 the administration of the FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity) transportation program will transition to their office. FISH volunteers provide rides to Cohasset seniors for out-of-town appointments using personal vehicles.

Trips will be beyond Cohasset and serve locations for which taking public transportation would be burdensome, or for which public transportation is not available. Rides occur Monday-Friday for appointments that are scheduled between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Elder Affairs actively seeks additional drivers. Typically, a FISH driver commits to one or two scheduled days per month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the CEA transportation staff at 781-383-9112. Elder Affairs welcomes the opportunity to facilitate this valuable program and to maintaining the reliability

and integrity of a service that has been a benefit to

Cohasset residents for many years.

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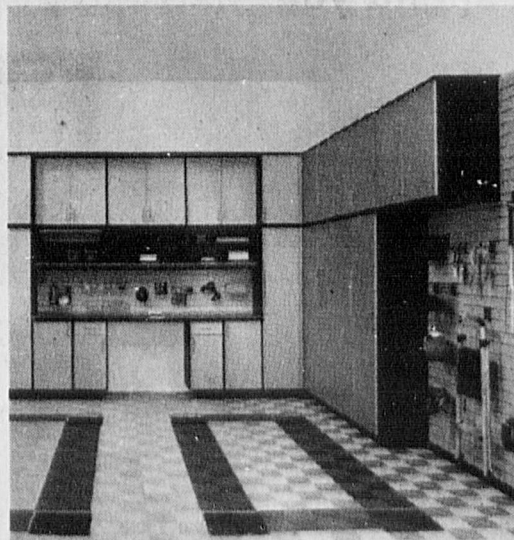
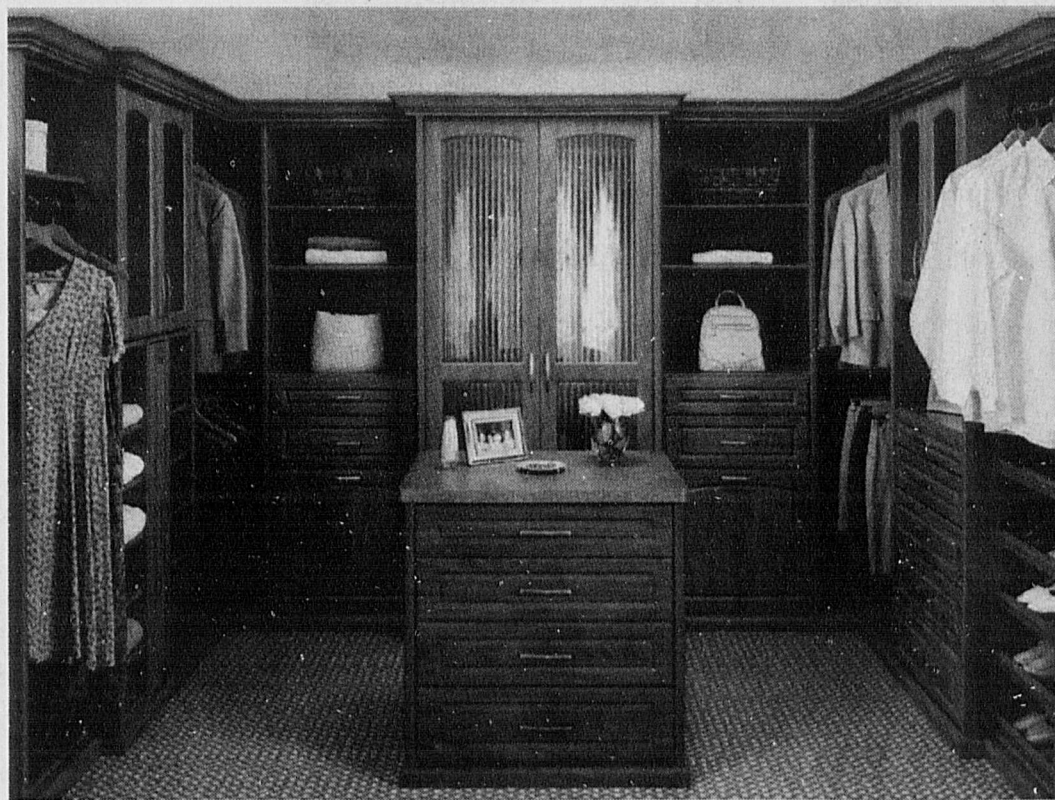
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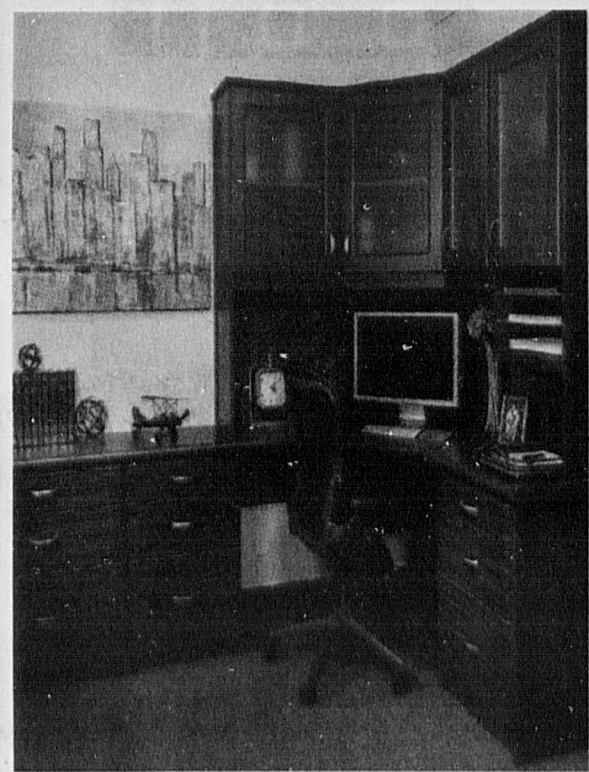
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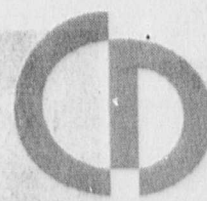
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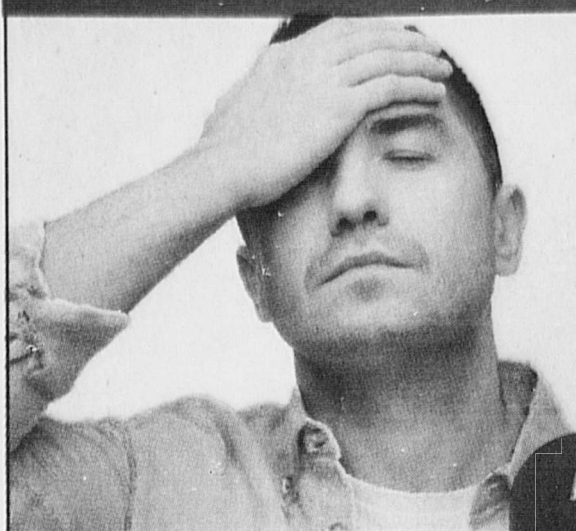


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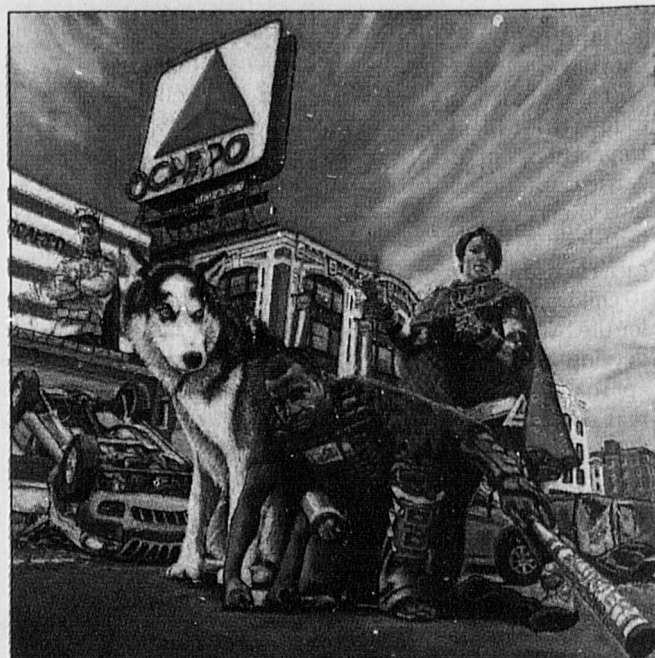
New exhibits open at Art Center

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, will present a national juried exhibition "Con|TEXT" in the Bancroft Gallery from April 8 through May 22.

An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 8. Trader Joe's is the sponsor for the opening reception.

Steven Zevitas, owner of the Steven Zevitas Gallery in Boston, selected the work and the prize winners for the exhibition. Russell duPont, of Whitman, was awarded first prize for "T." Second prize went to Robert Gratiot, of Denver, for the acrylic painting "Gucci," and third prize was given to Scituate artist Susan Deniston for "Water Marks." All of the artwork incorporates text into the imagery.

The Dillon Gallery will showcase the watercolor medium in an exhibition of work by five Gallery Artists in "Water-Water." Participating are Anne Belson,



South Shore Art Center will present the Faculty Feature exhibition. Pictured is Paul Endres Jr.'s "Sullivan Seven" acrylic painting. COURTESY PHOTO

Maureen Brookfield, Wendy Hale, Burt Longenbach and Mary Smith. The "Faculty Feature," also opening April 8 is Milton artist Paul

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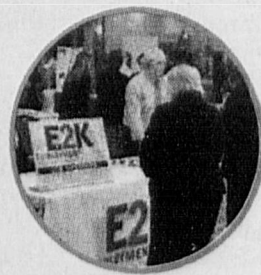
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Lawson Tower study could open door to new museum

By Kristi Funderburk
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Touring Lawson Tower for visitors today, is a long climb up a winding staircase for a breathtaking 360-degree view.

But the Scituate Historical Society trustees know there's far more potential for the iconic structure than what meets the eye.

Amid what remains of the water tank Thomas Lawson concealed inside the German castle-inspired tower he built in 1902, the trustees envision a museum honoring the famous Scituate resident.

The project would not only open an otherwise hidden piece of history, but would give visitors a chance to learn about the town's history and Lawson's place in it.

"We don't really have the Lawson story in here, so they come in, say, 'That's a nice view,' and they leave," trustee Steve Litchfield said. "We'd like them to stay awhile."

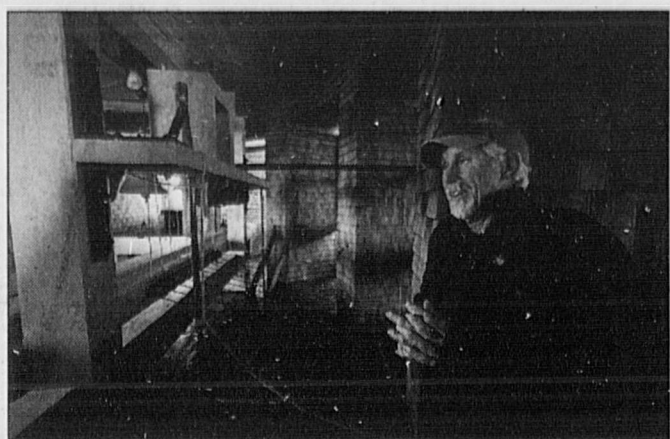
This spring, the historical society trustees will seek support from Town Meeting voters to use \$10,000 in Scituate's Community Preservation Act funds to study whether their idea is plausible without being too costly.

Scituate Historical Society President Dave Ball estimates the project could cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000, which they would seek through Community Preservation funds in a future year.

But if the planned project runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars, they wouldn't go forward, Ball said.

The trustees already have a tentative plan for access and makeup.

A construction project to remove the water tank in the early 2000s required crews to cut a large hole in the steel and tower. While the gap in the tower was sealed, the hole in the steel



Bob Chessia, a trustee of the Scituate Historical Society, talks about the bells of Lawson Tower during a recent tour of the tower that was based on a German castle.



Bob Chessia, who is a trustee of the Scituate Historical Society stands inside the former water tower that rests inside Lawson Tower. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

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was left intact, giving the trustees a door to their museum.

This hole in the tank is a short walk from the back wall of the console room at the base of the tower. The trustees imagine cutting an entryway in that wall to create a path to the inside of the tank.

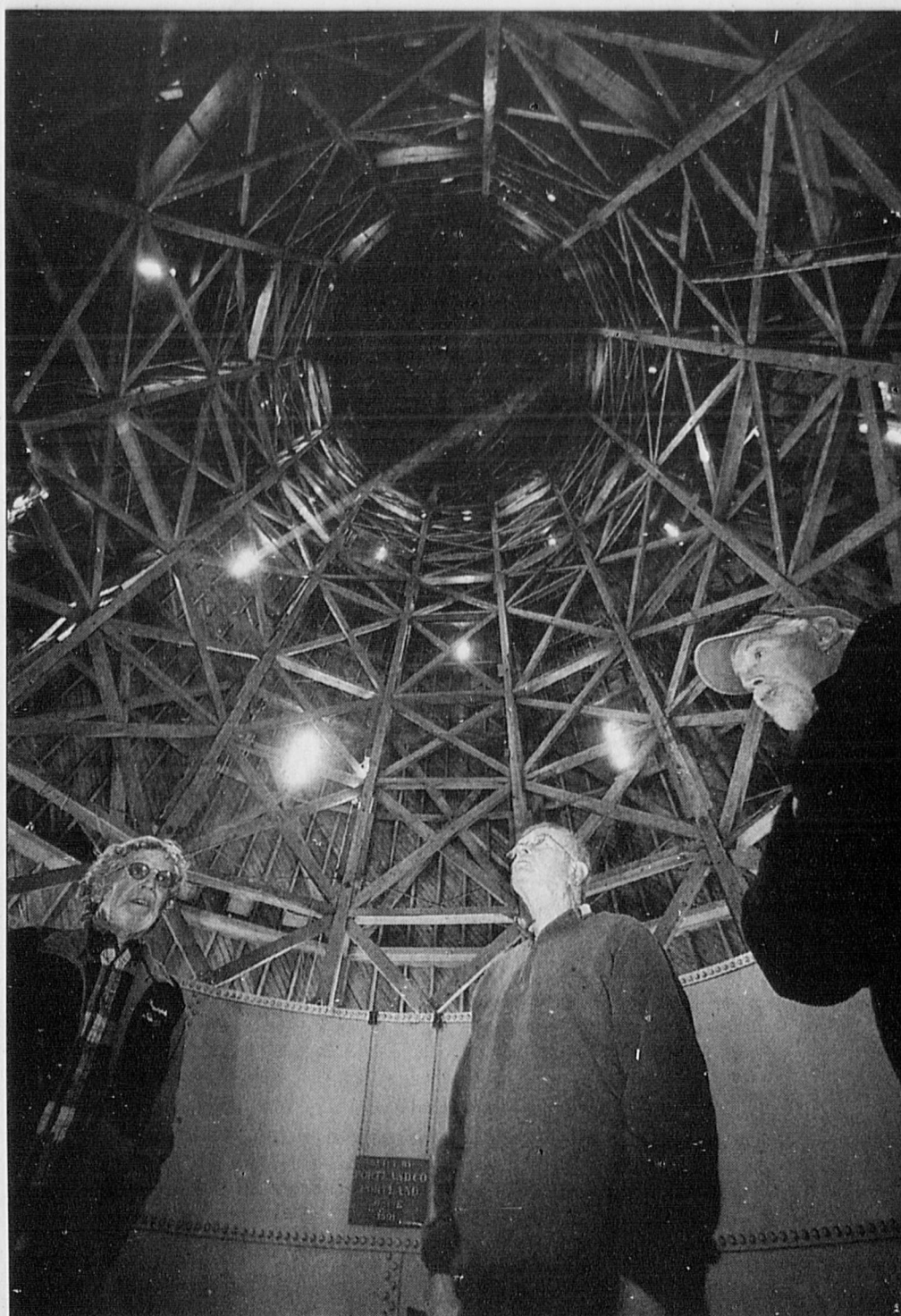
The only obstacle between those two doors is an X frame, which would have to be replaced with another support structure to clear a handicap accessible entry to the museum.

Inside the old water tank, which is about 25

feet in diameter and 12 feet high, the trustees imagine workers will need to build a floor even with the entry path and clean up the area. They might propose another exit in case of an emergency.

Once the work is complete, the trustees could fill the space with Lawson artifacts they already have, such as an old fireplace from the living room of his house and reproductions of pictures of him and the estate, trustee Bob Chessia said.

The water tower isn't



Steven Litchfield, David Ball, and Bob Chessia talk about their plans for a museum inside Lawson Tower in Scituate so that visitors can learn about the history of Lawson. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

accessible to the public. Currently, when Lawson Tower gets visitors, they see only the console room on the main floor and the bell area where they can see out over Scituate from windows in the tower.

Lawson Tower is open to the public five times each year when the historical society hosts open houses at its historic structures,

which also include the Cudworth House and Barn, the Bates House, The Mann House and Scituate Lighthouse.

"When we do open, the lighthouse and Lawson Tower are the most popular," Chessia said.

Ideally, this museum project could teach visitors about Lawson, and do so in a place they've never

seen.

"They're going to be blown away when they get inside the tower and tank," Ball said. "It's just an incredible opportunity to have the public gain access to one of the most iconic landmarks in town."

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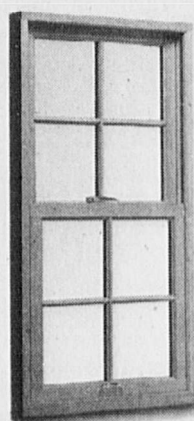
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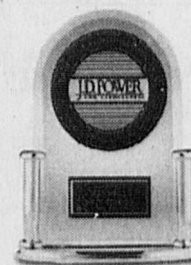
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POLICE

Texting and driving crackdown starts

The Cohasset Police Department is partnering with 202 other local Massachusetts law enforcement agencies and the Massachusetts State Police in the national U Drive. U Text. U Pay. mobilization to crack-down on motorists who text while driving.

The campaign, which combines traditional and innovative enforcement strategies, is funded by a federal grant administered through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. The mobilization continues through April 29.

"Driving and texting is illegal and irresponsible. Motorists who break our state's texting laws are putting themselves and others in danger, and are subject to

U DRIVE. U TEXT.



a fine. Distracted driving is a real problem — especially on Route 3A," said Cohasset Police Chief Bill Quigley.

Texting while driving was outlawed in Massachusetts effective Sept. 30, 2010. Adult drivers who write, send, or read electronic messages or browse the Internet while driving face a \$100 fine for a first offense — even if the vehicle is stopped in traffic. Juvenile operators are entirely prohibited from using mobile phones and other electronic devices while driving, including to

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make phone calls. The fine for a juvenile first offense is \$100 and includes a 60 day license suspension and required completion of a driver attitudinal course.

These costly violations underscore the danger inherent in the use of electronic devices while driving. In 2014, across the United States, 3,179 people were killed and an additional 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

A 2013 study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that any activity that diverts a

driver's eyes from the road for two seconds or more, such as texting or otherwise manipulating a mobile device, increases crash risk by a factor of three. This level of impairment is similar to driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .08.

"Texting and driving requires motorists to take their eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, and mind off the task of driving. It creates the proverbial 'perfect storm' for a crash, and no one has the right to put another person's life at risk like that," said Quigley.

COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire Log, which is public record and available for review.

Monday, March 28

3:23 a.m.: A commercial alarm triggered on South Main Street. The building was checked and secured.
10:28 a.m.: Parking enforcement on Depot Court. Citation issued.
12:19 p.m.: Parking enforcement in the Village. Citation issued.
4:56 p.m.: Loose dogs were reported on Hull Street. The caller reported she has an Akita that she lets in her yard and wanted to avoid issues. The caller requested to speak to an animal control officer.
5:53 p.m.: A noise complaint was reported on Avalon Drive. The caller had an ear issue. Services were rendered.
7:19 p.m.: Officer on traffic patrol on Forest Avenue.
7:53 p.m.: Parking complaint on Cohasset Common; numerous vehicles ongoing Monday night issue.
8:25 p.m.: Parking complaint on Cohasset Common; cars parking all over the grass and under the telephone poles with no parking signs posted. Difficult to see around vehicles in some spots.
8:30 p.m.: A caller reported his dog got loose on Fernway. The caller was united with his dog.
9:31 p.m.: Two men by broken down vehicle in Cohasset Plaza by Santander Bank; looking for a jump.
9:57 p.m.: The reporting party came into the station on Elm Street to report fraud regarding a voicemail. The voicemail was translated into text messages and stated the party had charges pending against him. The desk officer called the number, which was not in service.

Tuesday, March 29

6:59 a.m.: Traffic post on Forest Avenue.
10:21 a.m.: CO detector activation on Cedar Street.
11:19 a.m.: Traffic enforcement on Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.
11:51 a.m.: Traffic stop at CJC Hwy. and Schofield Road; check on Brazilian license; car towed.
1:28 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. White Chevy headed south, was swerving on the road. Police checked the area, but could not locate the vehicle.
3:33 p.m.: A motor vehicle crash with unknown injury was reported on Sanctuary Pond Road. Vehicles had no airbag deployment and no fluids were on the ground.
3:40 p.m.: A caller reported a coyote on Cushing Road. The message was left for animal control.
5:23 p.m.: Traffic enforcement on Red Gate Lane.
7:09 p.m.: Found property was reported on Cedar Lane. Services were rendered.
10:04 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on Jerusalem Road. The

caller reported a male was dumping items at the site. Police talked with both parties on the scene. The male worked for the property owner and checked out OK.

Wednesday, March 30

6:22 a.m.: Traffic enforcement on Pond Street.
7:10 a.m.: A caller reported a water cap was sticking out of the road on Brewster Road at Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The cap was replaced and secured.
10:15 a.m.: Motor vehicle stop at King Street and Sanctuary Pond Road, vehicle expired registration, unable to renew online, towed.
12:15 p.m.: Vandalism was reported on Hill Street. The caller reported nails were shot at his house from a nail gun. Police reported a neighbor's child was working on a project.
12:43 p.m.: Motor vehicle stop on Sanctuary Pond Road, expired registration, vehicle towed.
1:23 p.m.: A cat struck by a motor vehicle was reported on North Main Street. Animal control was notified.
3:43 p.m.: A caller reported gas odor inside an apartment on Sky View Highway. Columbia Gas was notified. The apartment was aired out.
7:08 p.m.: A dispute was reported on King Street. A business owner requested to speak to an officer regarding past larceny.

Thursday, March 31

2:09 a.m.: A caller reported a gas odor inside of a home on Jerusalem Road. The odor was not of gas, but of an animal. Services were rendered.
3:50 a.m.: A commercial alarm triggered on King Street. The building was checked and secured.
6:11 a.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on Avalon Drive. The caller stated the vehicle was running with the windows down. Police confirmed the vehicle was of a livery service.
6:31 a.m.: Parking enforcement on Red Gate Lane.
8:51 a.m.: Detail officer found syringe requests pick up at CJC Hwy. & King St.
9:01 a.m.: Fraud was reported on King Street. The caller reported multiple scam calls.
10:43 a.m.: Power keeps going on and off at Cohasset Dog Wash, S. Main St.
11:15 a.m.: Resident reports power outage on S. Main St.
11:18 a.m.: An emergency accident was reported on South Main Street. Pole No. 37 had an open fuse on the primary. Services were rendered.
12:11 p.m.: Well being check in Whitney Woods; man with back pack and winter coat and hat; caller just wanted it logged in case someone was looking for him.
12:12 p.m.: A gas odor was reported on Sky View Way. Gas was coming from the stove. The gas was disconnected.
1:21 p.m.: A tree was reported down on Border Street. The Department of Public Works was notified.
1:36 p.m.: A tree was reported down on Forest Avenue. Branches were seen on primary wires.

1:51 p.m.: A tree was reported down on Beechwood Street at Norman Todd Road. The fire department removed the tree.

2:03 p.m.: A tree was reported down on Forest Avenue and Surry Drive. The Department of Public Works was notified.

2:07 p.m.: Tree down at Beechwood and South Main streets. Whole street is blocked.

2:30 p.m.: Wires were reported down on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Mendel Road. The Department of Public Works was notified for a tree down on Mendel Road. Services were rendered.

2:44 p.m.: A residential alarm triggered on Jerusalem Road. The house was checked and secured.

3:04 p.m.: A tree was reported down on Pond Street. National Grid was notified. Power to the house was turned off.

3:25 p.m.: Found property was reported on Surry Drive. Services were rendered.

4:27 p.m.: Parking complaint on Bancroft Road: cars parked illegally. Spoke to out of town school bus for sporting event and he will move the bus.

8:13 p.m.: Well being check at 100 Pond St., woman wandering the area. Out for a walk, units clear.

Friday, April 1

6:21 a.m.: Traffic post at 132 CJC Hwy.
11:01 a.m.: MV stop at CJC Hwy. & Schofield Road, car towed.
4:12 p.m.: CO alarm on Ripley Road, babysitter outside with kids.
4:31 p.m.: Cable wire down at Atlantic Ave. & Sheldon Road.
4:58 p.m.: A caller reported youths climbing on the roof of Pilgrim Bank and placing items on vehicles on South Main Street. They were gone upon police arrival.
5:58 p.m.: Traffic enforcement at Beechwood and Doane streets.
6:06 p.m.: Traffic stop near 500 Beechwood St., registered owner took possession of vehicle.
7:15 p.m.: Traffic enforcement on Forest Avenue.

Saturday, April 2

8:44 a.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on King Street. The vehicle was waiting for roadside assistance.
9:44 a.m.: Vandalism was reported on King Street. The caller reported their car got egged.
11:59 a.m.: CO alarms sounding on King Street, caller told to go outside.
12:31 p.m.: A commercial alarm triggered on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The building was checked and secured.
2:49 p.m.: A hit-and-run was reported on Depot Court. Cameras did not catch the incident.
3:41 p.m.: A disturbance was reported on Beechwood Street involving harassment. Services were rendered.
4:06 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The vehicle was gone upon police arrival.
4:07 p.m.: An animal call was reported on King Street at Sanctuary Pond Road. The dead raccoon was

removed from the road.

4:24 p.m.: Vandalism was reported on King Street. The caller's vehicle was egged overnight.

Sunday, April 3

6:05 a.m.: Officer requests DPW be notified streets are getting slippery.

8:56 a.m.: A caller reported suspicious activity on Timber View Lane. The caller stated she heard a gunshot. Police checked the area and found nothing.

8:59 a.m.: A residential alarm triggered on Beach Street. The residence was checked and secured.

9:14 a.m.: A tree was reported down on King Street. The Department of Public Works was notified. Services were rendered.

9:17 a.m.: Wires almost touching the ground on Bancroft Road.

9:20 a.m.: A residential alarm triggered on Sanctuary Pond Road. The residence appeared secured.

9:21 a.m.: A tree was reported down on Cedar Street. The caller was concerned about a large branch. National Grid was notified.

10:19 a.m.: Limb resting on the primary on King St.

10:22 a.m.: Wires were reported down on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Verizon and Comcast were notified of the incident.

10:39 a.m.: Wires were reported down on Stevens Lane. Comcast was notified.

10:45 a.m.: Wires were reported down on Howe Lane. National Grid was notified.

11:25 a.m.: Tree down on Howe Lane.

11:34 a.m.: Wires were reported down on Fair Oaks Lane. The phone line was down. The fire department temporarily reattached the phone line to the residence.

10:50 p.m.: Door propped open at Cohasset Junior-Senior High.

HEALTH



The drug kiosk is available 24/7 in the police station for drop off of old, unused or outdated medication. COURTESY PHOTO

How to dispose of old prescriptions

Unwanted or outdated drugs can become the target of theft and misuse, especially by teenagers. To avoid theft and misuse, the Cohasset Police Department has a program designed to significantly reduce the prescription drugs in Cohasset homes that are either no longer needed or outdated.

America's 12 to 17 year olds have made prescription drugs the number one substance of abuse for their age group, and much of that supply is unwittingly coming from the medicine cabinets of their parents, grandparents, and friends.

Law enforcement is the only entity legally able to accept these medications

and process them properly so that they do not fall into the wrong hands. Law enforcement takes control of and destroys drugs on a regular basis as part of their regular operations.

Please join police in this effort by recognizing the need to remove unwanted or outdated drugs from your home. You can participate by anonymously depositing these unwanted or outdated drugs in the police department's drug disposal kiosk, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, located inside the police station lobby.

Note: Needles are not accepted. Liquids are accepted but should be tightly closed and then sealed inside a plastic bag.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

David Weltman, Esq.

COHASSET — Weltman, David L. Esq. of Cohasset and Venice, FL, formerly of Chestnut Hill on Monday, April 4, 2016.

Beloved husband of Andrea (Melgard) and the late Lois (Handmaker). Devoted father of John J. Weltman & his husband Cliff Atkins of Milton, Herman Weltman of Manhattan Beach, CA, Sally Weltman of Weymouth and the late Liza Weltman of St. Petersburg, FL. Cherished grandfather of Zachary, Kyle, Eli, Lucca, and Jack. Dear brother of the late Ellienne Squire.

Services were held at Temple Emanuel, Newton on



David Weltman, Esq.

Thursday, April 7. Interment at Sharon Memorial Park Memorial observance at the home of John & Cliff following the burial Thursday and will continue on Friday at 5:00pm at David's late residence in Cohasset. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in David's memory may be made to the Beaver Country Day School, 791 Hammond Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

Craig T. Henderson

COHASSET — Craig T. Henderson, 63, of Cohasset, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

He is survived by his partner of 29 years, Denise Gardner; as well as sons, Craig D. Henderson of Marshfield, Matthew Henderson and his wife Michelle of Carver; stepdaughter, Lindsey Gardner of Easton; two grandchildren, Julia Henderson and Zachary Taylor of Carver. He also leaves behind his beloved German Shepherd, Hunter.

Born in Brockton, he was the son of the late Gilbert M. and Louise M. Henderson. He had seven siblings, Diane Conant of Abington, Keith Henderson of Lake Worth, Fla., Deborah Kiernan and her husband Vincent of Falmouth, Scott Henderson of Carver, Jeffrey Henderson of Harwich, Jon Henderson of Falmouth, and the late Donna Burke and her surviving husband Tom of Abington. He also leaves many loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was based in Korea.

Craig was a graduate of Hollywood Hills High School in Florida, and worked for Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute on Cape Cod for 18 years.

Craig was a history fanatic and he loved taking his family on trips to Gettysburg and all civil war sites. He enjoyed fishing, camping, sports (especially the Red Sox and Patriots), cooking, listening to music and spending time with his family and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at Sullivan Funeral Home, 551 Washington St., Rte. 53, Hanover, Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 2-5 p.m.

For directions and Craig's online guest book, visit www.SullivanFuneralHomes.com.

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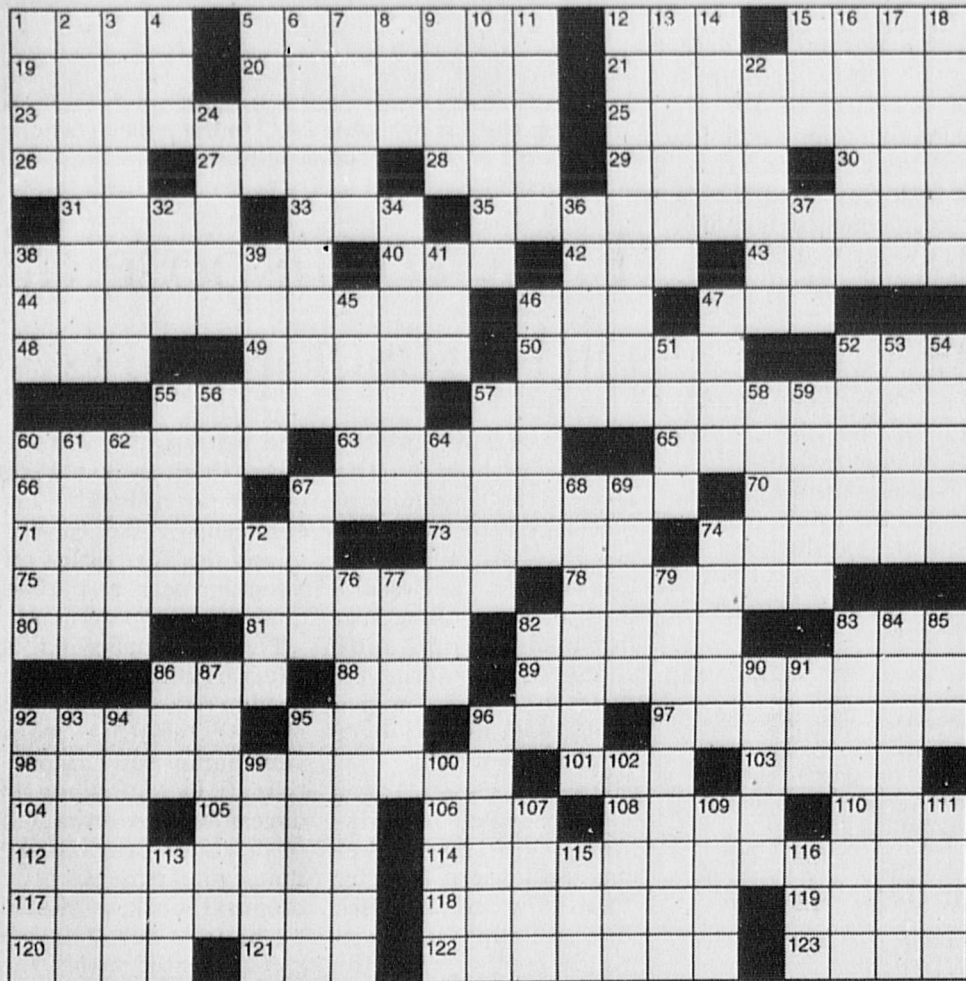
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PUZZLES

Crossword • DISCARD PILE



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Merchandise taken back, briefly
 - 5 London or Manhattan area
 - 12 Divs. of dollars
 - 15 Leaf support
 - 19 Mimicry pro
 - 20 Angle units
 - 21 Girls' night out, perhaps
 - 23 Small-scale golf variety
 - 25 Massive
 - 26 Fr. holy woman
 - 27 Pop artist
 - 28 Utter fibs
 - 29 To be, in Québec
 - 30 Wedding chapel vow
 - 31 Like — of sunshine
 - 33 Draft lottery org.
 - 35 Insult-hurling sort
 - 38 Conversed with
 - 40 Settle a debt
 - 42 The, in Québec
 - 43 Stop
 - 44 Food cart's counterpart on a ranch
 - 46 Bummed out
 - 47 "I get it!"
 - 48 FDR's follower
 - 49 Grill master's cover-up
 - 50 Opera parts
 - 52 Actor Jack of "Barney Miller"
 - 55 Wichita resident
 - 57 Execute a long slap shot, maybe
 - 60 Snooping (about)
 - 63 Juan or Eva of Argentina
 - 65 Exact copy
 - 66 Backed — corner
 - 67 Phrase with synonyms starting this puzzle's eight longest
 - 70 Indonesian skewered meat dish
 - 71 Less quiet
 - 73 Analyze the makeup of
 - 74 Clan
 - 75 Expert witnesses' unproven theories, say
 - 78 Kia minivan
 - 80 Noah's craft
 - 81 "L'shanah — I" (Hebrew "Happy holidays!")
 - 82 Shoulder lift
 - 83 Bee chaser?
 - 86 Bygone Olds
 - 88 Eden woman
 - 89 Beanbag tic-tac-toe game
 - 92 Stand by for
 - 95 Medical scan, briefly
 - 96 — Puf (body sponge)
 - 97 "Billy Budd" star Stamp
 - 98 Worker in the trenches?
 - 101 Antitrust org.
 - 103 Old Cuzco native
 - 104 Portuguese for "year"
 - 105 Tony winner
 - 106 Plant pouch
 - 108 "Woe is me!"
 - 110 Pollution-fighting org.
 - 112 Ally of Rodan
 - 114 Bit from a shredder
 - 117 Charged from a pulpit
 - 118 Trip for nature lovers
 - 119 — Alt-Del
 - 120 Kiln used for drying hops
 - 121 Modern art?
 - 122 "Ain't gonna happen"
 - 123 Former U.S. gas brand
 - 36 Eye-opener?
 - 37 Grazing area
 - 38 Educ. inst.
 - 39 Nashville nasality
 - 41 The Atlantic's Cape —
 - 45 Pictorial plot
 - 46 Sweatboxes
 - 47 Tennis pro
 - 51 Give it —
 - 52 Set of rooms
 - 53 William of — ("razor" philosopher)
 - 54 Green-lights
 - 55 Newsstand
 - 56 Novelist Nin
 - 57 Seek water with a
 - 58 Printer brand
 - 59 "Oro y —"
 - 60 Martial-arts mercenary
 - 61 "God is — side"
 - 62 Small nasty
 - 64 "Law & Order" actor
 - 67 Common jazz combo
 - 68 Rinse
 - 69 Australia's — Rock
 - 72 Prefix for "outer"
 - 74 Old Roman wraps
 - 76 Marshy tract of land
 - 77 What GPS aids in: Abbr.
 - 79 Nebula, in part
 - 82 Bassist Sutcliffe
 - 83 Notions
 - 84 Performers like Houdini
 - 85 Suffix with journal
 - 86 Rock's Ocasek
 - 87 Cultural
 - 90 Brittle
 - 91 Stimp's cartoon bud
 - 92 Slow, to Solti
 - 93 Ryder of film
 - 94 In conflict
 - 95 "Lite" beer
 - 96 Lorraine of "The Sopranos"
 - 99 D, in Greece
 - 100 Ruhr hub
 - 102 Knock at gently
 - 107 Nile critter
 - 109 Retro hairdo
 - 111 Guthrie with a guitar
 - 113 Facial flaw
 - 115 — distance
 - 116 Star pitcher

Sudoku

		4	2					1
	2				9		3	
6				7		5		
	6			1			4	
		5	6					7
9			4		7	1		
		1			3	2		
	8		5				6	
3				8				9

Level: Moderate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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C Z X M U S Q N L J G E C O Z
S A C S A Y H U A M A N X D V
N O T S N N T T N R P N L N N
J O H H E A T A W C A Y W O I
V T N C R P I E N A L K L L L
I G E N I L C R I B I Y Z X R.
N I L M E R K G D V B L W U E
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R P U O M L J J B I H G E N D
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Aurelian	Green Monster	Lennon	Troy
Babylon	Hadrian's	London	Wailing
Berlin	Jericho	Sacsayhuaman	Zimbabwe
Great	Kremlin	Ston	

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HOROSCOPE

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It isn't always easy for the rambunctious Aries to give a second thought to their often spur-of-the-moment choices. But aspects favor rechecking a decision before declaring it final.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information emerges for the business-driven Bovine who feels ready to restart a stalled project. Be prepared to make adjustments as needed at any time during the process.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Part of you wants to complete plans for an upcoming event, while your other self wants to see how things develop first. Compromise by moving ahead with your plans while being open to change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected change in a relationship could open up a problem or could lead to a much-needed and too-long-delayed reassessment of a number of matters. The choice is yours to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Time for the Lion to total the plusses and mi-

nuses resulting from recent personal and/or professional decisions. See what worked, what didn't and why, and base your next big move on the results.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The clever Virgo can make persuasion work by presenting a case built on hard facts. Sentiment might touch the heart, but it's good, solid information that invariably wins the day.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually can win over the most stubborn skeptics on your own. But this time you can benefit from supporters who have been there, done that and are willing to speak up on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You win admiration for your determination to do the right thing. Don't be distracted from that course, despite the offer of tempting alternatives that might suddenly turn up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While you still need to maintain control of a dominant situ-

ation, a new development emerges, making the task easier and the outcome potentially more rewarding.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New factors might have a positive effect on a still-pending matter, but only if the information proves to be credible. Trusted colleagues might be able to offer needed advice.

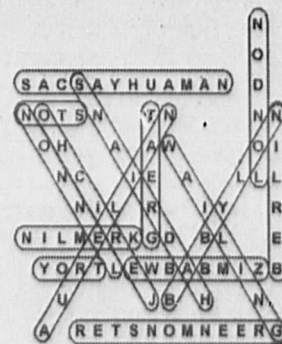
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week favors moderation, especially if a health problem is involved. Resist the impulse to do more than might be good for you at this time. You can catch up later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could feel more than a mite upset by someone or some people who might be creating problems for you. Find out why they won't change their ways. Their reasons might surprise you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You know how to inspire others to do their best by setting a persuasive example of your own.

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SOLUTIONS



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8	2	7	1	5	9	6	3	4
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7	6	2	3	1	5	9	4	8
1	4	5	6	9	8	3	2	7
9	3	8	4	2	7	1	5	6
4	7	1	9	6	3	2	8	5
2	8	9	5	4	1	7	6	3
3	5	6	7	8	2	4	1	9

CALENDAR

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Event information can be input online by following the directions at the bottom of this page, sent by email to scalendar@wickedlocal.com or sent by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Photos should be a jpeg with a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3X5 inches in size. For more information call 508-591-6623.

Con/TEXT exhibit opening at South Shore Art Center

WHEN: 6-8 p.m., Friday, April 8
WHAT: An opening reception for the Con/TEXT art exhibit will be held at South Shore Art Center
INFO: South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition, Con/TEXT, from April 8 through May 22, in the Bancroft Gallery at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. April 8. Free, open to the public. Steven Zevitas, owner of the Steven Zevitas Gallery in Boston, selected the



work and the prizewinners for the exhibition. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Pictured: "Gucci" acrylic painting by Robert Gratiot. **For information:** 781-383-2787, www.ssac.org.

Mentalist Rory Raven performs at Ventress

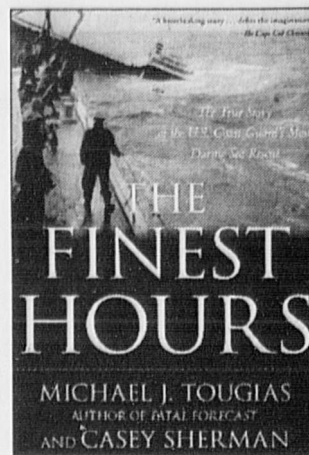
WHEN: 2 p.m., Saturday, April 9
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INFO: Professional mentalist and mindbender Rory Raven will present "Brainstorming: An Act of Mentalism," at Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. He will read the minds of the audience, bend their spoons and leave them talking. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ventress Library. Free, but



donations accepted. **For information:** 781-834-5535, ventresslibrary.org, www.roryraven.com.

Author discussion with Michael Tougias

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 8
WHAT: Michael Tougias will discuss his book, "The Finest Hours," at First Parish of Norwell
INFO: The James Library & Center for the Arts will present Michael Tougias at First Parish of Norwell, 24 River St., Norwell. Tougias will discuss his book, "The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue," now a major motion picture. Slides of the storm, the sinking tankers, the rescues, the victims, the survivors and the heroes will be presented. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door.



\$10 for students. A limited number of free tickets are available to senior citizens. **For information:** 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.

Send your event information by email to scalendar@wickedlocal.com. Listings information must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Please include the time, date, location, street address and town of the event. If possible, provide a contact phone number and website.

Friday, April 8

Open house: 7:30-8:10 a.m., Saint Jerome School, 598 Bridge St., North Weymouth. The school's Early Childhood Program will hold an open house for parents of students considering enrollment for their 3-, 4-, and 5-year old children. No RSVP necessary. Join Principal Kathy Puleo for coffee and conversation. Teachers, staff and parents will be available to chat, answer questions and provide information. **For information:** 781-335-1235, www.stjerome-schoolweymouth.org.

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Juke Joint 5 to perform: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **For information:** 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Aztec Two-Step with special guest John Batdorf: 8 p.m., River Club Music Hall.

78 Border St., Scituate. Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have spent a lifetime of making music together as the folk/rock duo, Aztec Two-Step. They took their name from a poem by beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti. Batdorf is a singer-songwriter solo artist and one half of Las Vegas Rock and Roll Hall of Famers folk-rock duo Batdorf & Rodney. **For information:** 339-236-6786 or visit www.theriverclubmusic-hall.com.

"Billy Elliot the Musical": presented by The Company Theatre at the Company Theatre Center for Performing Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Thursdays through Sundays, through April 10. Tickets are \$39 to \$41. Matinee and evening performances are available. **For information:** 781-871-2787, boxoffice@companytheatre.com, www.companytheatre.com.

Saturday, April 9

South Shore History Symposium: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Spire Center, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Presented by the Backroads of the South Shore. Topic is "Land & Sea: Historical Agriculture and Aquaculture of the South Shore." Speakers will include keynote speaker Robert S. Cox, who will discuss Massachusetts cranberry culture. Registration fee is \$15/person. **For information** or to register, contact Paula Fisher, director of marketing and group services at the Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau, at 508-747-0100 or paula.fisher@SeePlymouth.com. **For details:** www.brss.org.

Mass Audubon 100th anniversary celebration: On this day, visitors will be able to enjoy guided nature walks and other free family-friendly activities at most staffed sanctuaries, from Cape Cod to the Berkshires. Exactly 100 years ago, Mass Audubon was offered a 225-acre hillside property in Sharon as a protected oasis. Today, Mass Audubon manages 100 wildlife sanctuaries statewide, comprising more than 30,000 acres of protected land and laced by 160 miles of walking trails. Learn more about the 100th celebration at www.massaudubon.org/sanctuaries100.

Sarah Gardner Spring Sing-a-Long: 10:30 a.m., James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. Admission is free. Celebrate spring with interactive songs by children's entertainer Sarah Gardner. This event is fun for the whole family.

especially children ages 3-6. No charge, but donations at the door are appreciated. Sponsored by First Parish Preschool of Norwell. **For information:** 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.

"Touch a Truck" event: noon to 3 p.m., Saint Jerome School and church parking lot, 598 Bridge St., North Weymouth. Children of all ages are invited to see, climb and explore the wide variety of vintage cars, emergency vehicles and construction trucks. There will be food, face painting, raffles, and fun. This event will be held rain or shine and is open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. **For information:** 781-335-1235, www.stjeromeschoolweymouth.org.

South Shore Genealogical Society meeting: 1:30 p.m., John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. Open to the public, no charge. Topic: Digital mapping tools for genealogy and family history researchers. Presenter: Joanne Riley, university archivist and curator of special collections, UMass Boston. **For information:** 781-826-2972, <https://sites.google.com/site/southshoregenealogicalsociety/home>.

"The Empire Strikes Back" showing: 2 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. **For information:** 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

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Quincy Symphony Orchestra concert: 2:30 p.m., Lloyd Hill Performing Arts Center at Quincy High School, 100 Coddington St., Quincy. Yoichi Udagawa is music director. The concert will feature Weber's "Overture to Euryanthe Op. 81" Nielsen "Symphony No. 1 in G minor, Op. 7" and Beethoven's "Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C major, Op. 56." **For information:** 800-579-1618, quincysymphonyorchestra.org.

Coffee House: 7:10 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road,

Scituate. This acoustic music event will feature a range of musicians from semi-professional to high school students. This event is open to the public and any donations or proceeds will be used to support the Scituate Friends of Music. Refreshments will be available. **For information:** 781-545-3324, www.firstparishscituate.org.

The New Band to perform: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **For information:** 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Phillip Aaron to perform: 9 p.m., Gilda's Stone Rooster, 27 Wareham Road, Marion. Second Saturday Soul Sessions are a monthly performance of the very best soul, funk and blues, held the second Saturday of every month, with the house band, LM3 recording artists, The Groovalottos. Each month has a featured artist. Aaron is a soul singer and songwriter from New Bedford. **For information:** www.thegroovalottos.com.

Sunday, April 10

IACO's Sounds of Spring concert: 1 p.m., at Sons of Italy Hall, 161 King Hall Road, Braintree. Classic Italian and American music by Boston Bel Canto Opera and general director Bradley Pennington; a selection of songs from acclaimed operas. Light refreshments will be served. Ticket price is \$15. Advance tickets can be purchased at Michelangelo Salon, 40 Pearl St., Braintree, or at the door on the day of the performance but advance reservations are recommended. Presented by Italian-American Cultural Organization. **For information:** www.southshoreiaco.com.

Victorian Tea: 2-4 p.m., at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. Seating at 2 p.m. Enjoy tea and scones and seasonal breads and a variety of tea sandwiches and dainty desserts. Reservations necessary. Fee is \$15 and includes a tour of the 1880 Queen Anne-style Victorian mansion. **For information:** 781-834-7818, www.danielwebsterestate.org.

Exhibit opening reception: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. The exhibition, "Compelling Progressions: Explorations in Encaustic," is by artists Pat Gerkin, Donna Hamil Talman and Charyl Weissbach. Museum hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Entrance to the museum is free. **For information:** 781-934-6634, www.artcomplex.org.

Unicorn Singers of Hingham concert: 4 p.m., Lutheran House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham. The singers will be joined by trumpet soloist Greg Gettel, in presenting "Awake the Trumpet," a concert featuring music for chorus and trumpet. Tickets are \$20 online at bcc-us.org or are available at the door. **For information:** 781-749-0162.

Tuesday, April 12

Nonfiction Book Group meeting: 6-7:30 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Book to read: "The Witches: Salem, 1692" by Stay Schiff. **For information:** 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

Wednesday, April 13

Boston Light Keeper: 6:30 p.m., at Rockland Memorial Library, 20 Belmont St. As part of the series about the Boston Harbor Islands and Boston Light, Sally Snowman, Ph.D., Boston Light Keeper, will speak about Boston Light, which is celebrating its 300th anniversary in September. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rockland Memorial Library and is free. Light refreshments will be served. **For information:** 781-878-1236, www.rockland-memoriallibrary.org/friends.

Poetry event: 7 p.m., Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury. The Rev. Dr. Gordon Postill will present "Let Us Go Then, You and I," a heartfelt recitation of several thought provoking poems. Postill is a board certified chaplain who has provided spiritual care to hospice patients and families since 1991. He recently retired from fulltime ministry and lives with his wife Robin in Duxbury. To register for the program, call 781-934-2721, ext. 5655, or go to the website, www.dubxury-freeilibrary.org/events.

Thursday, April 14

Author Talk by Marianne Leone: 7 p.m., Kingston Senior Center, 30 Evergreen St., Kingston. Leone, an actress and writer, of Kingston, will discuss the art of memoir writing and also read from her new book of essays, "Ma Speaks Up," as part of the Kingston Spring Author Talks. The ongoing author series is sponsored by the Kingston Public Library in cooperation with the Kingston Council on Aging and the Kingston Public Library Foundation. Westwinds Bookshop of Duxbury will provide copies of books for sale and signing. Light refreshments will be offered and although the program is free, reservations are requested. **For information:** 781-585-0517, ext. 112, www.kingstonpubliclibrary.org.

Anthony Geraci on keyboard with The Willie J. Laws Band: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws. Free pizza. **For information:** 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Friday, April 15

Diving Ducks will perform: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **For information:** 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, April 16

Holly Hill Farm workshops: 9 and 10 a.m., 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Composting

workshop, 9-10 a.m., \$6 per member, \$8 per non-member. Transplanting workshop, 10 a.m. to noon, \$12 per member, \$15 per non-member. For both workshops: \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member. In addition: summer camp open house, 10 a.m. to noon. **For information:** 781-383-6565, hollyhillfarm.org.

Admissions open house: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at New England Village, 664 School St., Pembroke. Tour one of the residential homes and learn all about the day program options for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Call Tina Danielson to reserve your spot, 781-293-5461, ext. 138. **For information:** www.newenglandvillage.org.

Watershed Action Alliance invasive plant workshop: 1-4 p.m., Pembroke Public Library, 142 Center St., Pembroke. Attendees will hear from speakers and receive resources including a guide to identifying nonnative, invasive species in Massachusetts, a checklist of steps to follow, and a list of informative websites and publications. The early bird fee is \$15. Workshop will be \$20 at the door. **For information:** 508-746-0769, watershedaction.org.

"Return of the Jedi" showing: 2 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. **For information:** 781-741-1405, www.hingham-library.org.

"History of the Lawson Tower": 3 p.m., GAR Hall, 353 Country Way, Scituate. Presented by local historian Bobby Chessia. Sponsored by Friends of Scituate Seniors. This unique, castle-like turret is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is an attraction with an intriguing history sure to spark the imagination of all attendees. Both program and refreshments are included in the ticket price of \$10. To register, call Carol King at 781-424-5210.

Mission of Blues will perform: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **For information:** 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

"The Psychic": 8 p.m., North River Theater, 513 River St., Norwell. The Mystery Writers Edgar Award winning Best Play, written by Sam Bobrick. Directed by Jeff Gill. Tickets \$20. Cabaret-style seating, cash bar. **For information:** call 781-826-4878, www.northrivertheater.org.

Sunday, April 17

Reception for Hull Artists exhibit: 2-4 p.m. Hammond Residential Real Estate office, 98 South St., Hingham. Several of the artists will be present to discuss their works and all display works are also offered for purchase. The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 23. **For information:** 617-731-4644, www.hammondre.com.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR EVENT

Here are some tips on getting your event information posted to the Wicked Local calendar and included in this regional calendar:
REGISTER: Find the Events Calendar on your Wicked Local homepage in the bottom right portion on the website and click on the Add Event button. Click the Register link in the top right hand corner of your calendar page, above Add Event. Enter an email address, first name, last name, password, and password confirmation. Once you click "Register," a verification email will be sent to the email address with which you registered. Be sure to confirm your account through that email to complete the process. Once registered, you will have the ability to add events.
ADD AN EVENT: Click the Add Event button. Fill in required fields such as event title, date, time, category, and venue. Events may be set up to repeat daily,

weekly, monthly, or by manually adding additional dates.
ADDITIONAL NOTES:
 ■ The more detail the better in the event description field and there is a section to provide optional contact information.
 ■ Categories are important for tagging events with discoverable search terms and eases a visitor's ability to find the type of events they are looking to attend. An event can have multiple categories.
 ■ Events must be matched to a known venue. You can also add a new venue if your venue is not listed.
 ■ Events are subject to review before appearing on the site.
IMAGES: Make sure to include an image with your event. Events with images command three times the attention than those without. EvieSays uses a simple image uploader with options to drag and drop or browse, so adding images to your event is easy.

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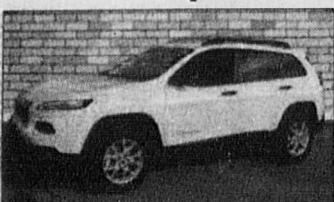
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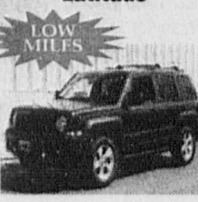
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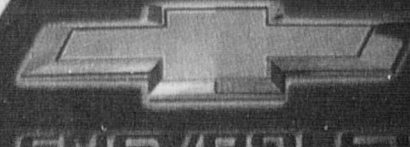
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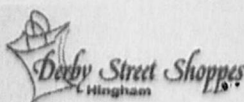
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